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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

Most Worshipful Grand Lodge

OF

Ancient Free and Accepted Masons

OF THE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS,

IN UNION WITH THE MOST ANCIENT AND HONORABLE GRAND LODGES IN EUROPE AND AMERICA, ACCORDING TO THE OLD CONSTITUTIONS.

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The Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society, of Free and Accepted Masons, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

CONSTITUTION AND LAWS OF THE GRAND LODGE.

Section 1st.

1st. In the Year of Masonry, five thousand seven hundred and ninety-two, The Saint John's Grand Lodge, and The Massachusetts Grand Lodge, by their Committees of Conference, duly appointed, having deliberately considered the present state of Masonry, and being desirous to promote the benevolent designs of this Antient Fraternity, do mutually agree in a Complete Union of the Grand Lodges aforesaid: And that impartiality and candor may mark the Original proceedings of such Coalition, each Grand Lodge shall assemble at their respective places on the first Monday of March, and shall nominate a Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, after which they shall each appoint seven Electors, to meet in Convention, and form such List of Candidates to form a New Grand Lodge.

2d. The Grand Master Elect shall notify a meeting of all persons authorized to sit in Grand Lodge, and, having declared his acceptance, shall appoint a Deputy Grand Master, Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, Grand Sword Bearer, and Grand Tyler. He shall then cause the names of the Officers thus chosen and appointed to be duly recorded and they shall continue till the next regular Election.

3d. This Grand Lodge, organized as aforesaid, shall forever hereafter be known by the name of the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Its powers and prerogatives are Independent; all distinctions between Ancient and Modern Masons shall, as far as possible, be abolished; The Mode of working practiced by the late Saint John's Grand Lodge, is hereby recom-

mended to the Lodges now established; and shall be enjoined upon all Lodges hereafter constituted.

4th. All Grand Lodge records heretofore made, and other Masonic Papers, shall be safely deposited in the Archives of this Grand Lodge, and they shall never be carried out but by the Grand Master's permission.

5th. All Lodges heretofore established may retain their Original Charters, the dates and Grand Lodges from whence they were respectively issued being recorded by the Grand Secretary, and a due representation, with the payment of equal quarterly assessments, shall entitle such Lodges to a regular connection with the Grand Lodge to take precedency according to Seniority.

Section 2d.

1st. All past and present Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters, and Grand Wardens shall be considered as Members of the Grand Lodge, and no others.

2d. All Members of the Grand Lodge, and other Grand Officers for the time being, excepting the Grand Tylers, and the Representatives of every Lodge under this Jurisdiction, shall have a right to sit and vote in Grand Lodge and every Brother shall be properly vested, with his Jewel and Clothing before he takes his place.

3d. No vote of the Grand Lodge shall be reconsidered by a less number of voters than were present at the passing the same.

4th. No Brother shall be admitted into the Grand Lodge but such as are Members and Voters, excepting Petitioners and Witnesses or those called in by Motion; in neither of which cases shall they be admitted to sit at the table.

Section 3d.

1st. A Grand Master shall be annually chosen, on the evening of the second Monday in December; and no person shall be eligible for the Office, more than three years successively.

2d. In the election of the Grand Master a ballot at large shall be taken (every voter writing the Candidate he thinks best qualified) and the Brother who has two thirds of the votes present, shall be declared Grand Master and installed in DUE FORM according to ancient usage.

3d. In case of sickness or necessary absence, the Grand Master or any other Officer may be installed by proxy, but whoever represents him must have sustained the office to which such absent officer is to be installed.

4th. The Grand Master shall appoint and commission his Deputy, under the seal of the Grand Lodge; and he shall appoint and declare all other Grand Officers, excepting the Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary.

5th. The Grand Master shall, when present, indispensably fill the Chair; in his absence, the Deputy Grand Master; in both their absence, the Senior Grand Warden; in the absence of these, the Junior Grand Warden; and in case of the absence of all the officers, the eldest Grand officer in the Lodge is to fill the Chair; and that the Grand Lodge may always appear in DUE FORM, the presiding Officer shall wear the Jewel of the Grand Master, and all others the Jewels of the officers they respectively represent.

6th. No Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, or Grand Warden shall during his continuance in office be Master or Warden to, or representative of, a particular Lodge; and no Brother shall be eligible for either of said offices, who has not passed the Chair of some regular Lodge, to be made known by proper vouchers.

7th. The Grand Master, with his Deputy, Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary, if convenient, shall, during his Mastership, visit the several Lodges under his Jurisdiction; and shall examine their Records and proceedings, and see that no innovations be committed in any of them, first giving such Lodges timely notice of his approach.

8th. The Grand Master has full right and authority to preside in every Lodge under his Jurisdiction, with the Master on his left hand; and to summons his Grand Wardens,

Treasurer and Secretary to attend him, who are to act in their several capacities whenever the Grand Master takes the chair.

9th. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, shall severally, at the time of their installation, make the following declaration:

I solemnly promise upon the honor of a Mason that in the office of I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and all other ancient Masonic usages.

SECTION 4TH.

1st. The Grand Wardens shall be chosen in the same manner as the Grand Master (Sec. 3, Art. 2) and with the same restrictions (Sec. 3, Art. 1).

SECTION 5TH.

1st. The Grand Treasurer shall be chosen annually by a majority of written votes and must be a Master Mason.

2d. He must be a Brother of good worldly substance, and to him shall be committed the monies belonging to the Grand Lodge. He shall always keep a fair record of the accounts and transactions, and the uses to which the monies are appropriated, and shall lay the same before the Grand Lodge when required.

3d. When the monies in stock amount to forty pounds he shall put it to interest on good security and shall give bonds to the Grand Master, for the time being, that such sums, and the interest arising thereon, shall be appropriated to the use of [the] Grand Lodge.

SECTION 6TH.

1st. The Grand Secretary shall be chosen in the same manner and with the same qualifications as the Grand Treasurer; Vide Sec. 5, Art. 1.

2d. He must be a Brother who can write a good fair, legible hand and shall keep accurate records of all the transac-

tions of Grand Lodge. He shall present all the votes and orders of the Grand Lodge, after they are entered, to the Grand Master, for his approbation and signature: he shall issue summonses as the Grand Master may direct and shall give reasonable notice, in at least one publick newspaper, of every stated meeting of the Grand Lodge; he shall read the Records of the preceeding meeting every Quarterly Communication, before any other Business is entered upon, and he shall be rewarded for his services from time to time as the Grand Lodge may direct.

Section 7th.

1st. The Grand Deacons, Grand Stewards, Grand Marshal, and Grand Sword-Bearer must be Master Masons.

2d. The Grand Stewards shall attend in preparing the Feast, on a regular Summons for that purpose; and they shall always see that the tables are regularly and Masonically spread.

3d. The Grand Marshal shall attend the Grand Feast, and assist the Grand Master in the order and arrangement of the Day; and the Grand Sword-Bearer shall attend on all public occasions.

Section 8th.

The Grand Tyler shall attend every call of the Grand Master and be present at every Grand Lodge; for which services he shall be rewarded from time to time according to his merit.

Section 9th.

1st. There shall be annually held four Quarterly Communications, in some convenient place, which the Grand Master shall appoint, vizt: on the evenings of the second Mondays of December, March, June and September; and special Grand Lodges shall be held at the Grand Master's direction.

2d. All matters in Grand Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes, excepting when other provision is made, and the Brother in the chair shall have the casting vote.

3d. All differences that cannot be accommodated privately or made up in particular Lodges, are to be seriously considered and decided on in Grand Lodge; and if any Brother thinks himself aggrieved by the decision, he may appear at the Annual Grand Lodge next ensuing and leave his appeal in writing with the Grand Master, Deputy or the Grand Wardens.

4th. At the third stroke of the Grand Master's hammer, repeated by the Grand Wardens, there shall be a general silence; and whoever speaks without permission from the Chair, shall be publicly reprimanded, under the same penalty every Brother shall take his seat and keep strict silence whenever the Grand Master, or his Deputy shall call to order.

5th. No Brother is to speak more than twice to the same subject, unless to explain himself or when called upon, from the Chair, to speak. The Brother who addresses the Chair, shall rise and keep standing, and no Brother shall interrupt him — under the penalty of a reprimand; unless the Grand Master, finding him wandering from the point, sees fit to reduce him to order; and after being set right, he may proceed.

6th. Every Lodge under this Jurisdiction shall once every year transmit to the Grand Lodge, the names of their officers and also the names of the Brothers who have been made Masons, passed Fellow-Crafts, and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason; in order that the same may be duly noticed by the Grand Lodge.

7th. Every Lodge shall be represented by their own Master and Wardens, or by a proxy; and no proxy shall be received in the Grand Lodge except he be a Master Mason, and a member of some Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

8th. The Grand Lodge has an inherent power and authority to make new regulations, and alter these for the benefit of the Institution, provided always that the Ancient

Land-Marks be carefully preserved, and that such new regulations be proposed, at a Quarterly Communication, and agreed to by a majority of the Brethren present at the Annual Grand Feast.

Section 10th.

1st. The Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary shall make all necessary preparations for every Grand Feast, and they shall be assisted by the Grand Stewards or some general undertaker.

2nd. Every Brother present at a Grand Feast shall be controuled by the Grand Master in everything that pertains to the decency and decorum of his conduct.

Abstract of Proceedings

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GRAND LODGE at Concert Hall, Boston, Monday the 19th March, 5792, for the Special Purpose of Installing the Grand Master Elect, and establishing the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

R.W. Bro.	JOHN WARREN . . .	In the Chair.
R.W. "	SAMUEL DUNN . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. "	WILLIAM SCOLLAY . .	Junior Grand Warden.
Bro.	THOMAS FARRINGTON .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

The Right Wor. Master then announced the election of the R.W. Bro. John Cutler as Grand Master; W. Josiah Bartlett, S.G.W.; W. Mungo Mackay, J.G.W.; W. Samuel Parkman, G. Treas.; and Brother Thomas Farrington, G. Secretary.

VOTED, That the R.W. Brothers Revere, Morton, Dunn, Barrett, and Scollay be a Committee to wait on the Grand Officers, thus declared, and request their attendance. They were accordingly introduced by the G. Marshal and attended by the Committee.

The Records, which respect the Union, and the Constitution were read; after which the Rev. Bro. Walter, in a prayer suitable to the occasion, addressed the Supreme Architect of the Universe. The R.W. Bro. Warren then installed the Grand Master, in AMPLE FORM, and, after an animated address, calculated for the happy event, placed him in the chair of Solomon and invested him with his proper jewel.

The R.W. Grand Master then was pleased to declare his appointment of the R.W. John Lowell, Esq., his Deputy; W. William Little, Sen. G. Deacon; W. William Dennison, Jun. G. Deacon; Bro. John Brazer and Lewis Hayt, G. Stewards; R. W. Saml. Bradford, Esq., Grand Marshal; Bro. Benj. Russell, G. Sword Bearer, and to invest them with their respective jewels.

The Grand Lodge organized as follows:

Bro. T. Fleet.	Bro. J. H. Mitchell.
" S. W. Hunt.	" Wm. M. Kean.
" David Bradlee.	" J. Wheelwright.
" Saml. Cabot.	" S. Thwing.
" J. Harbach.	" J. Price, Jr.
" J. Clark.	" Wm. Bordman.
" J. Porter.	" A. Mackay.
" J. Jackson.	" J. Kahlar.
" J. J. Geyer.	" Wm. Williams.
" C. Moores.	" A. Newhall.
" T. Powars.	" Jas. Greene.
" P. Smink.	" Jos. Chapman.
" A. Crocker.	" D. Tyler.
" T. K. Jones.	" John Dabney.
" N. Goodwin.	" Thos. Welsh.
" — Langier.	" Nat. Balch.
" J. Jenks.	" Joseph Coolidge.
" J. Lovering.	" Thos. Dennie.

Grand Lodge, 19th March 5792, Continued.

Present.

M.W. Bro.	John Cutler	Grand Master.
R.W. "	John Lowell	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. "	Josiah Bartlett	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. "	Mungo Mackay	Junior Grand Warden.
W. "	Samuel Parkman	Grand Treasurer.
W. "	Thomas Farrington	Grand Secretary.
W. "	William Little	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. "	William Dennison	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. "	Jno. Brazier	Grand Stewards.
W. "	Lewis Hayt	Grand Stewards.
W. "	Samuel Bradford	Grand Marshal.
W. "	Benj. Russell	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bros.	Jones and Newman	Grand Tylers.

ALSO

R.W. Paul Revere.	Bro. Saml. Prince.
R.W. John Warren.	" J. Eaton.
R.W. Perez Morton.	" W. D. Bradlee.
R.W. Samuel Dunn.	" B. Smith.
R.W. Wm. Calder.	" J. Baxter.
R.W. William Scollay.	" J. Smith.
R.W. John Fleming.	" H. Hudson.
R.W. Saml. Moore.	" D. Pease.
W. Saml. Barrett.	" E. Smith.
W. Job Prince.	" Paul Revere, Jr.
W. Richard Salter.	" Wm. Smith.
Bro. T. Knox.	" Jon. Freeman.
" G. Gideon.	" Jas. Carter.
" B. Wakefield.	" John Cathcart
" G. Crossman.	" J. F. Williams.
" S. Hall.	" J. Howland.
" B. Coolidge.	" J. Davis.
" B. Lincoln.	" E. Reed.
" J. Martin.	" J. Jenkins.
" Edw. Davis.	" D. Coleman.
" M. Groves.	" S. Elliot.
" D. Jones.	" Wm. Morrill.
" J. Homans.	" Jas. Murray.

Reverend Brother Walter.

A charge was then delivered by the M.W. Grand Master upon true Masonic principles, in which his knowledge of the Craft was eminently displayed.

A procession was then formed and the Brethren in their proper order, paid the usual salutes and congratulations. After which a very elegant address was delivered by the Rev. and R.W. Brother Walter, whereupon, Voted,

That the R.W. Brothers Revere, Lowell, and Morton be a committee to present the thanks of this Grand Lodge, to the Reverend Brother Walter, for his kind assistance in the order of the evening and request a copy of said address to be preserved with the Records of this Lodge.

Grand Lodge closed in Ample Form.

GRAND LODGE specially holden at Concert Hall, Monday Evening, 2d April, 5792.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	In the Chair.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Warden.
W. SAMUEL PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
W. THOS. FARRINGTON	Grand Secretary.
W. WM. LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN BRAZER,	Grand Stewards.
W. LEWIS HAYT,	Grand Stewards.
Bros. JONES AND NEWMAN	Grand Tylers.

R.W. JOHN JACKSON.	R.W. WM. CALDER.
" S. DUNN.	" JOB PRINCE.
" PAUL REVERE.	" THOS. DENNIE.
" WM. SCOLLAY.	" J. T. WILLIAMS.
" JNO. FLEMING.	" J. WELLS HUNT.
" RICHARD SALTER.	" A. LINCOLN.
" SAML. BARRETT.	" L. HEARSEY.
" BENJ. FROTHINGHAM.	" B. GIDDINGS.

VOTED, That Rev. Bro. Thads. M. Harris have a seat assigned him.

VOTED, That John Jenks be admitted Proxy for Essex Lodge.

Read and accepted a letter addressed to St. Andrew's Lodge, as followeth, vizt:

To the Rt. Wfl. Master, The Officers and Members of St. Andrew's Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, No. 82, of the Registry of Scotland.

RESPECTED BRETHREN,

We think it our incumbent duty to communicate officially, that a complete union of the two Grand Lodges formerly held in this State, is happily effected, and that the Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is completely organized.

The sole objects of this coalition are to obliterate as far as possible all distinctions heretofore made, to provide for a regular intercourse of the Brethren, and by all other means to promote the interests of our Ancient Fraternity. And happy we are that every transaction of this important era has been mark'd with candour, unanimity and a strict adherence to the genuine principles of the Institution. All Lodges heretofore established are to retain their original charters (the dates, and the Grand Lodges from whence they were issued, being recorded by the Grand Secretary) and a due representation, with the payment of equal quarterly assessments, entitle such Lodges to a regular connection with this Grand Lodge; to take precedency according to seniority; and all former Grand Lodge records and other Masonic papers, are safely deposited in our Archives.

Quarterly Communications are to be holden on the evenings of the second Mondays of December, March, June and September annually. The Grand Master and Grand Wardens are to be annually elected at the meeting in December; two-thirds of the votes present make a choice; and no Brother is eligible for these offices, more than three years successively. The Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary are, also, annually elected by the Grand Lodge; and the other Grand Officers are appointed by the Grand Master.

A regular code of laws (in which the ancient land-marks are sacredly preserved) is carefully compiled; and a Book of Constitutions containing our History, Charges, Regulations, &c., collected from old records and faithful traditions, being now in the press, will soon be published under the authority of Grand Lodge.

Having stated these particulars, we beg leave to remark; that the late deranged state of Masonry, required every exertion for its revival and support, and we doubt not but all worthy Brethren will cheerfully lend their aid, in such way as they think best, to promote so laudable a design. We do not on this occasion urge any sentiments to influence your conduct, and we tender you our warmest wishes for your prosperity and happiness. The Masonic Institution is not the offspring of discord or usurpation, but is founded on the broad basis of universal phil-

anthropy; and though we may differ in circumstances not essential, we are sacredly bound to cherish its benevolent designs by a mutual intercourse of affection and esteem; for, "The liberal soul shall be made fat and he that watereth shall be watered also himself."

Done in the Grand Lodge at Boston, on the second day of April, Anno Lucis, 5792.

JOHN CUTLER, *Grand Master.*
JOSIAH BARTLETT, } *Grand Wardens.*
MUNGO MACKAY, }

ATTEST:
THOMAS FARRINGTON,
Grand Secretary.

VOTED, That the Right Worshipful Brothers Warren, Hays, Revere, Dexter, Scollay, Harris, Lowell, Dunn, Jackson, Barrett, Little, Parkman and Fleming be a committee to consider and compile a Book of Constitutions, containing all things necessary for the use of the Fraternity; and that they proceed with all convenient despatch; and the same be published under the sanction of the Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, attested by the Secretary.

VOTED, That Brothers Revere, Scollay, Dunn, Jackson and Bartlett be a committee to assess the several Lodges in Boston and Charlestown, to defray the balance due from the Grand Lodge for this, and the evening of the Installation of our Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

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GRAND LODGE specially held at Brother Coleman's on the 1st day of June, 5792.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Wardens.
R.W. MUNGO MACKAY	Grand Wardens.
W. THOMAS FARRINGTON	Grand Secretary.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. LEWIS HAYT	Junior Grand Deacon (pro. tem).
W. SAMUEL BRADFORD	Grand Marshal.
R.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Tylers.
BROS. JONES AND NEWMAN	Grand Tylers.

Read a petition from Brother John Borland and others of Wiscasset, praying to be erected into a Lodge as follows: vizt:

To the R.W. Master and Wardens of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons in Boston, Commonwealth of Massachusetts—

This our humble petition most respectfully sheweth; That your Petitioners reside so far distant from any Lodge yet established, that it is inconsistant with our several interests to become members of any Lodges yet established, which consequently deprives us of the many benefits that result from a connection with our Society whose principles are founded on the basis of rectitude.

Therefore for the mutual benefit and harmony of ourselves and the general prosperity of our Ancient and Honorable Society at large, We, your humble petitioners, pray that you will grant us a Charter for a Lodge to be held at Wiscasset, by the name of Zion or Rising Star Lodge, with power to found our By-Laws on your Constitutions and to enter, pass and raise Brethren to the sublime degree of a Master Mason. We have made choice of our Worthy and well-beloved Brother, James Eveleth to be our Master; Bro. Windser Jones, our Senior Warden; Bro. Robert Snow, Jun. Warden; all of this place, persons

whose private character and Masonic abilities we think will render them ornaments to Masonry in general and necessary pillars of our Lodge in particular.

Our Master was entered, Past and Raised in St. Andrew's Lodge in Boston — our first Warden in Unity Lodge in Ipswich, of which our worthy Brother McKeen was then Master.

As we know you wish for the glory of our Society, we expect you will grant this, our petition.

And we in duty bound shall ever pray,

Wiscasset, 26th April, 1792.

ELIJAH CROCKER,	JONATHAN SAWYER,
EDWARD CREMORE,	BENJ. FRIZZELL,
CHRIST. WOODBRIDGE,	JOHN BORLAND,
THOMAS BOYD, JR.	JOSEPH CAMPBELL,
W. JONES,	JAMES EVELETH,
ROBERT SNOW,	EPHRAIM SNOW.

Petitioners.

VOTED, That Bro. James Eveleth have a seat assigned in this Lodge.

VOTED, That the prayer of said Petitioners be granted with this amendment (by the name of Lincoln Lodge) and that a Charter be made out for that purpose as soon as convenient.

On motion of Bro. Bartlett—

VOTED, That a Grand Lodge be holden in Salem, in DUE FORM, in the course of the ensuing week for the purpose of constituting Essex Lodge. And the Grand Master having declared his appointment of the Rt. Wor. Bro. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., as Deputy Grand Master for this occasion.

VOTED, That R.W. Bro. Mackay and R.W. Bro. S. Dunn officiate as Grand Wardens, and that the other officers of the Grand Lodge be requested to attend.

VOTED, That the R.W. John Warren, R.W. John Lowell, R.W. Paul Revere, R.W. Josiah Bartlett and R.W. Samuel Dunn be a committee to prepare a Form of a Charter for the Grand Lodge and report as soon as convenient.

The Grand Lodge was closed in proper FORM.

At the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, held at Salem, 8th June, 5792.

PRESENT.

M.W. John Cutler	Grand Master.	
R.W. Josiah Bartlett	Deputy Grand Master.	*Pro Tem.*
R.W. Samuel Dunn	Senior Grand Warden.	*Pro Tem.*
W. Lewis Hayt	Junior Grand Warden.	*Pro Tem.*
W. John Brazer	Grand Treasurer.	*Pro Tem.*
W. Benj. Russell	Grand Secretary.	*Pro Tem.*

The Grand Master having informed the Lodge of the business on which the Grand Lodge was held, and the By-Laws of Essex Lodge being read by its Secretary, the throne of grace was addressed in prayer by the Rev'd Brother Bentley.

The names of the officers of Essex Lodge being communicated to the Grand Master, the Deputy Grand Master, pro tem, retired to examine the R.W. Bro. Joseph Hiller, Master Elect of Essex Lodge, who reported him — Right — on which he was invested by the Grand Master with the Master's Jewel and placed in the chair after a charge from the Grand Master. The Master of Essex Lodge then invested his officers with their respective jewels; and the Officers and Brethren present, in proper Form, saluted the Master, Senior and Junior Wardens.

An address was then pronounced, by M.W. Grand Master, to the officers and members of Essex Lodge, and the Constitution of the Grand Lodge was read by the Secretary, Pro Tem.:

The Lodge was then addressed by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, pro tem. after which the Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Officers of Essex Lodge, thus Constituted.

R.W. Joseph Hiller	Master.
Elias H. Derby, Jr.	Senior Warden.
William Bentley	Junior Warden.
James King	Treasurer.
John Jenks	Secretary.
Jno. Page	Senior Deacon.
Thos. Hartshorne	Junior Deacon.
Joseph Vincents,	Stewards.
John Becket,	Stewards.
Simon Lamb	Tyler.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION held at Concert Hall, at Boston, 11th June, 5792.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Warden.
W. SAML. PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
W. THOS. FARRINGTON	Grand Secretary.
W. SAMUEL BRADFORD	Grand Marshal.
W. LEWIS HAYT	Junior Grand Steward.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bros. JONES AND NEWMAN	Grand Tylers.

R.W. PAUL REVERE	R.W. G. GIDEON.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN.	R.W. RICHARD SALTER.
R.W. WM. SCOLLAY.	R.W. SAML. W. HUNT.

VOTED, That the R.W. Brothers Paul Revere, Saml. Dunn, and Wm. Scollay be a committee to prepare a list of all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

They reported as follows: Every Lodge within this Jurisdiction be enjoined to send a list of their present members; and to transmit the names of every person initiated to be recorded in the Grand Lodge books, for which three shillings shall be paid for the express purpose for raising a Fund for Charity.

COMMUNICATIONS.

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Harmonic Lodge, by the Treasurer	12	0	
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VOTED, That the Grand Wardens, with the Deputy Grand Master, be a committee to write to the Grand Lodge in Rich-

mond, in Virginia, an answer to a letter directed to this Grand Lodge, signed James Henderson, Grand Sec'y.

VOTED, That this Lodge do celebrate the Festival of St. John, in DUE FORM, on the 25th inst. at Concert Hall, and that there be a Masonic procession to and from Trinity church.

VOTED, That R.W. Brothers Dunn, Scollay and Little be a committee to wait on the Rev'd Doct. Parker and his Wardens for the use of Trinity church on s'd day of celebration, and also solicit him to perform prayers suitable to the occasion; likewise to wait on the Rev'd Doct. Walter for a sermon or an address to be by him delivered.

VOTED, That Worshipfuls S. Bradford, T. Dennie, and Shaw be a committee to assist the Grand Wardens in the order of the Feast.

The committee appointed to form a charter reported the following which was read and accepted:

SEAL

To all the Fraternity to whom these presents shall come:

The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

Send Greeting;

Whereas a petition has been presented to us by . . . . all ancient free and accepted Masons, praying that they, with such others as shall hereafter join them, may be erected and constituted a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons; which petition appearing to us as tending to the advancement of Masonry and the good of the Craft,

Know Ye therefore,

That we, the Grand Lodge aforesaid, reposing special trust and confidence in the prudence and fidelity of our beloved Brethren above named, have constituted and appointed, and by these presents do constitute and appoint them the said . . . . a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title and designation of . . . Lodge; hereby giving and granting unto them and their successors, full power and authority to convene as Masons, within the Town of . . . . in the

County of . . . . and Commonwealth aforesaid; to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow-Crafts and raise Master Masons, upon payment of such moderate compensation for the same, as may be determined by the said Lodge.

Also, to make choice of a Master, Wardens and other office-bearers annually or otherwise as they shall see cause; to receive and collect funds for the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their Widows or Children; and in general to transact all matters relating to Masonry, which may to them appear to be for the good of the Craft according to the ancient usages and customs of Masons.

And we do hereby require the said constituted Brethren to attend the Grand Lodge at their Quarterly Communication and other meetings by their Master and Wardens, or by Proxy regularly appointed;—

Also to keep a fair and regular record of all their proceedings and to lay them before the Grand Lodge when required. And we do injoin upon our Brethren of the said Lodge, that they be punctual in the quarterly payment of such sums as may be assessed, for the support of the Grand Lodge; that they believe themselves respectfully and obediently to their superiors in office, and in all other respects conduct themselves as good Masons. And we do hereby declare the precedence of said Lodge, in the Grand Lodge and elsewhere, to commence from . . . .

In testimony whereof we, the Grand Master and Grand Wardens, by virtue of the power and authority to us committed, have hereunto set our hands and caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed, at Boston, this . . . day of . . . Anno Domini . . . and of Masonry . . . .

. . . S. G. W.
. . . J. G. W.

. . . Grand Secretary.
By order of the Grand Lodge.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN, celebrated at Concert Hall, in Boston, June 25th, 5792.

A procession, in AMPLE FORM, to and from Trinity Church, where prayers were performed by the Rev. Dr. Parker and sermon delivered by the Rev. Brother Walter.

PRESENT.

R.W.	JOHN LOWELL	In the Chair.
Wor.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Deputy Grand Master. } *pro tem.*
"	SAML. DUNN	Senior Grand Warden. } *pro tem.*
"	MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Warden.
"	SAML. PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
"	THOMAS FARRINGTON	Grand Secretary.
"	WILLIAM LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOHN BRAZER	Senior Grand Steward.
"	LEWIS HAYT	Junior Grand Steward.
"	SAML. BRADFORD	Grand Marshal.
"	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.

Monsieur LETOMB, The French Consul.

Rev.	JOSEPH WILLARD, D.D.	Rev.	SAML. PARKER.
Rev.	WILLIAM WALTER.	Rev.	JOHN MURRAY, V.D.M.
Rev.	JOHN GARDNER.	Rev.	THOMAS OLIVER.
Wpfl.	BENJ. HURD.	Wpfl.	WILLIAM SCOLLAY.
"	AARON DEXTER.	"	WILLIAM CALDER.
"	PEREZ MORTON.	"	SAMUEL MOORE.
"	SAML. BARRETT.	"	GEORGE GIDEON.
"	JOACHIN V. EATON.	"	DANIEL JONES.
"	THOMAS DENNIE.	"	AMOS WINDSHIP.
"	JOSEPH LAUGHTON.	"	ADAM COLSON.
"	JAMES CARTER.	"	ALLEN CROCKER.
"	HENRY JACKSON.	"	DANIEL REA.
"	BENJ. HASKELL.	"	THOMAS URANN.
"	JAMES EATON.	"	ANDREW JOHONNOT.
"	JOHN LOVERING.	"	BENJ. FROTHINGHAM.
"	JOHN GOODWIN.	"	JOHN DEVESELL.
"	JOHN SOLEY.	"	JOHN JENKINS.
"	WILLIAM CALDWELL.	"	JOHN S. LOVELL.
"	JOHN MAGNER.	"	LEMUEL GARDNER.
"	JOHN CADES.	"	JOHN EDMANDS.
"	JUDAH HAYES.	"	JOHN BRYANT.

Wpfl. James Thwing.
" James Pierce, Jr.
" William Hyslop.
" James Greene.
" Watson Freeman.
" William B. Eaton.
" Joseph Chapman.
" Saml. L. Parker.
" Peter St. Medard.
" Job Wheelwright, Jr.
" John Trask.
" Edward Reed.
" Isaac Parker.
" Philip Wentworth.
" James Murray.
" Charles Moore.
" David Tyler.
" J. D. Williams.
" Hezekiah Hudson.
" Thos. Dunton.
" John Pingee.
" John Dyar.
" Robert Latson.
" John Woodbury.
" Jno. W. Chorley.

Wpfl. James Pierce.
" William Gray.
" Thomas Dakin.
" William Smith.
" Andrew Newell.
" John Homans.
" William Cowell.
" Jona. Freeman.
" Simon Hall.
" Thomas K. Jones.
" John Boyle.
" Benj. Homans.
" Sampson Reed.
" Amasa Dingley.
" William White.
" Paul Revere, Jr.
" Simon Elliot.
" Mathew Clark.
" A. Berkell.
" John Newell.
" Nat. Torrey.
" William Stower.
" William Whitney.
" Robert Partridge.
" Benj. Tupper.

After several well adapted toasts were drank, a committee was raised consisting of R.W. Brothers Barrett, Bartlett and Dexter to wait on the M.W. Grand Master (being confined by sickness) to inform him, that the Grand Lodge will affectionately drink his better health precisely at 5 o'clock, which was performed by the committee.

Voted, That W. Brothers Morton and Dexter examine Brother Whitney as to his being an object of charity, who reported him as such; upon which a collection was made, of 25 dollars, and presented him [by] W. Bros. Morton and Dexter, which was received by him with suitable gratitude.

Voted, That the R.W. Brothers Dunn, Mackay and Morton be a committee to wait on the Rev. Dr. Parker, to thank him for his services in prayer, and the use of the church, and desire a copy of his particular [part of the services] for the Press; also, to wait on the Rev. Dr. Walter, and thank him for his very well adapted sermon and request a copy for the Press.

ORDER OF PROCESSION.

1st. Grand Tyler with a Sword, the Bible, Square and Compasses on a Cushing.
2. Grand Stewards, with Wands.
3d. Stewards of Lodges, ditto.
4. Entered Apprentices.
5. Fellow-Crafts.
6. Master Masons.
7. Deacons of Lodges.
8. Secretarys of Lodges.
9. Treasurers of Ditto.
10. Wardens of Ditto.
11. Past Masters.
12. Masters.
13. Musick.
14. Grand Deacons, with Wands.
15. G. Treasurer and G. Secretary.
16. Clergy.
17. Past Grand Wardens.
18. Past Deputy Grand Masters.
19. Past Grand Masters.
20. Grand Wardens with Gilt Pillars.
21. Deputy G. Master and Grand Master.
The Grand Master with a Gold Pillar.
Deputy G. Master with a pair of Compasses.

The Grand Master, with the advice of his Grand Officers, was pleased to postpone the meeting of the Grand Lodge which was to have been holden on the second Monday of September, 5792 — on account of the small-pox prevailing in Boston at that time.

Grand Procession 25th June, 5792.

GRAND LODGE held at Concert Hall, Boston, 10th of December, 5792, being a Quarterly Communication, and for the choice of officers for the year ensuing.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JNO. LOWELL	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden.
W. SAML. PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
W. THOMAS FARRINGTON	Grand Secretary.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN BRAZER	Senior Grand Steward.
W. LEWIS HAYT	Junior Grand Steward.
W. SAMUEL BRADFORD	Grand Marshal.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.

St. John's Lodge, W. Thomas Dennie, W. William Shaw } paid 24s.

Massachusetts Lodge, R.W. Saml. Bradford, W. Jno. Freeman, W. Jos. Laughton }

Rising States Lodge, R.W. Paul Revere, " Simon Hall } paid 24s.

King Solomon Lodge, R.W. Wm. Calder 36s.

Essex Lodge, R.W. Joseph Hiller, " Wm. Bentley } 24s.

Harmonic Lodge, R.W. George Gideon, " Jno. J. Geyer } 24s.

All the officers were reelected and reappointed as in the preceeding year.

Brother Thos. Farrington at his request was excused serving as Secretary and received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his past services and Bro. Samuel Colesworthy was elected in his stead.

RESOLVED, That the Grand Master, with the Grand Wardens, present to our Most Beloved Brother

GEORGE WASHINGTON,

the new Book of Constitutions, with a suitable address.

VOTED, That the Grand Lodge most sincerely thank the committee appointed to compile the Book of Constitutions for the very eminent services thereby rendered in that important work.

RESOLVED, That every Lodge on receiving a charter pay three Guineas, vizt: Two guineas and a half to the Grand Lodge, and half a guinea to the Grand Secretary.

VOTED, That the prayer of the petition of Brothers John Young, Adams Bailey and others, for a charter for a Lodge at Hanover be granted, by the name of Old Colony Lodge.

VOTED, That the prayer of the petition of Brothers David Scott, William Toogood and others for a charter to hold a Lodge in Blanford by the name of Federal Lodge, be granted.

This Lodge adjourned to the 27th instant, 7 o'clock, at this place, for the purpose of installing its officers and investing them with the insignia of their respective offices.

VOTED, The thanks of this Lodge be given to the R.W. T. M. Harris for his particular attention in superintending the Book of Constitutions in his publication — and his general exertions for the benefit of the Craft; and that in testimony of their approbation, the Grand Treasurer be directed to deliver Bro. Harris, twelve copies half bound and twelve copies in sheets of the said Book of Constitutions.

The following Lodges, being in commission, within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, at the organization of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That they be recorded according to their seniority, vizt:

St. John's, Boston.
Master's, Boston.
St. John's, Newburyport.
Rising States, Boston.
The Lodge at Marblehead.
The Lodge at Portland.
Tyrian, Gloucester.
Massachusetts, Boston.
Union, Nantucket.
St. Peter's, Newburyport.
Berkshire, Stockbridge.
Trinity, Lancaster.
Warren, Machias.
Unity Lodge, Ipswich.
King Solomon's, Charlestown.
Hampshire, North Hampton.
Friendship, Williamstown.
Harmonic, Boston.
Essex, Salem.
Lincoln, Wiscasset.
Old Colony, Hanover.
Federal, Blanford.

The last three Lodges constituted since the Lodge was organized.

VOTED, That all Lodges, commissioned by proper authority which are holden in any of the United States, where no Grand Lodge is established, may retain their connection with this Lodge agreeably to the Constitution, Sec. 1, Art. 5.

The following is a transcript of a letter, transmitted to the several Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, as voted this evening:

To the Right Wor. Master, Officers and Brethren of Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, at ———————— in the County of ————————.

Brethren,

The Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have just published their Book of Constitutions and directed that a copy should be sent to every regular Lodge within the limits of the State; and the volume accompanying this is transmitted for your acceptance. How far the work is calculated to answer the important purposes for which it was designed, is left to the determination of the Brethren. It will be observed that the 4th and 5th chapters relate particularly to Masonry in this country; and it is presumed that an impartial perusal will convince every candid enquirer that the proceedings correspond with ancient usages and are warranted by the best authority. The organization of this Grand Lodge has embraced the most philanthropic designs; and the sole object is to promote that friendly intercourse which always results from a regular establishment.

And it is fervently wished that the Brethren will add their influence for its encouragement and support.

By order of the Grand Lodge,
————————, Grand Secretary.

Boston, 27th December,
A.L. 5792.

Return of the Brethren constituting the Rising States Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

R.W.	PAUL REVERE	Master.
W.	SIMON HALL	Senior Warden.
"	JOHN BRAZER	Junior Warden.
"	NORTON BRAILSFORD . . .	Treasurer.

	Benj. Russell		Secretary.
"	Lem'l Gardner		Senior Deacon.
"	Paul Revere, Jr.		Junior Deacon.
Bro.	Benjamin Coolidge.	Bro.	David Tyler.
"	Levi Hearsey.	"	Wm. Cowell, Jr.
"	Amos Lincoln.	"	John White.
"	Edward Whitman.	"	Saml. Thwing.
"	George French.	"	Levi Pease.
"	Robert Rogers.	"	Jedediah Lincoln.
"	Saml. Minot, Jr.	"	Jacob Porter.
"	Wm. B. Eaton.	"	Thomas Dunton.
"	Edward Hill.	"	John Dyar.
"	Job Wheelwright, Jr.	"	Robert Partridge.
"	Charles Moore.	"	Thomas Rea.

Return of Brethren since June, 5792.

Thomas Dunton, Boston.	Nat Cleft.
Nat Torrey, Boston.	Saml. Blake.
Charles Smith, Boston.	Loammi Bruce.
Jas. Noyes, Dorchester.	Snow Stetson.
Chapin Sampson, Milton.	David Jacobs.
Edward Baker, Milton.	Bro. Hooton, Tyler.
Samuel Crehore, Milton.	

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to Grand Secretary, Dr. (commencing 19th March, 5792).

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
To Cash paid James Vilas, Bill No. 1.....	21	3	0			
2.....	3	8	0			
3.....	3	12	9			
4.....	47	1	6			
5.....	3	5	3			
				78	10	6
To Cash paid Benj. Russell, p. bills No. 1.....	1	0	0			
2.....	1	4	0			
3.....	0	6	0			
4.....	1	10	0			
				4	0	0
To Cash paid Thos. Adams, p. bills No. 1.....	0	6	0			
2.....	0	12	0			
3.....	0	4	6			
				1	2	6
To Cash paid Dudley Colman, p. bill 1....	1	14	9			
To do. paid Peter Sminck, p. do. 1....	4	10	0			
To do. paid Edward Powers, p. do. 1....	1	0	0			
To do. paid Jones & Newman, p. do. 1....	2	5	0			
To do. paid David West, p. do. 1....	2	13	0			
				12	2	9

To do. paid James H. Seymour, p. do. 1....	1	8	0						
To do. paid Saml. W. Hart, p. do. 1....	0	12	0						
To do. paid John Jones, p. do. 1....	0	12	0						
To do. paid for 6 Packs Cards	0	8	0						
To do. paid for 2 quires large Paper.....	0	9	0						
To do. paid for 3 large Candles.....	0	11	0						
To do. paid Crosby, clerk of Trinity Church..	0	12	0						
							4	12	0
							£100	7	9

SUPRA. CREDIT.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
By Cash rec'd for 99 Tickets at Instalments, 3s.	14	17	0			
By ditto. of 4 Lodges, vizt: St. John's	0	12	0			
Massachusetts	0	12	0			
Rising States.	0	12	0			
Harmonick ..	0	12	0			
				£17	5	0
By Cash rec'd for 95 Tickets at St. John's Feast @ 12s...	57	0	0			
By ditto. for assessments on St. John's Lodge..	3	0	0			
for do. Massachusetts	3	0	0			
for do. Rising States	3	0	0			
				66	0	0
By Cash rec'd of James Eveleth	2	6	9			
Charter, Lincoln Lodge	3	10	0			
				5	16	9
By do. Charter, Old Colony Lodge...				3	10	0
By Cash rec'd of 5 Lodges — vizt:						
Saint Johns, 24s.; Rising States, 24s.				2	8	0
King Solomon's				1	16	0
Essex				1	4	0
Harmonic				1	4	0
By Balance due.....				1	4	0
				£100	7	9

BOSTON:
10th Dec., 5792.
Errors Excepted,
THOS. FARRINGTON, Grand Secretary.

We the subscribers being appointed a committee by the Grand Lodge to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts find them well vouched and free from errors.

Committee { MUNGO MACKAY, WILLIAM SCOLLAY, WILLIAM LITTLE.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, held at Concert Hall, in Boston, 27th December, A.L. 5792.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN LOWELL	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Warden.
" SAML. PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
" SAML. COLESWORTHY, JR.	Grand Secretary.
" WM. LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
" WM. DENNISON	Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN BRAZER	Senior Grand Steward.
" LEWIS	Junior Grand Steward.
" SAMUEL BRADFORD	Grand Marshal.
" BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bros. JOHN JONES AND R. NEWMAN.	Grand Tylers.

VOTED, That there be a committee of 3 to examine the accounts of the Grand Secretary for the year past; and R.W. Brothers Mackay, Little and Scollay were chosen for that purpose.

VOTED, The Secretary be directed to pay into the hands of the Treasurer all monies which may hereafter be received by him, at any Quarterly Communication, previous to the Lodge being closed.

The Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JUN'R,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, held at Concert Hall, in Boston, March 11th, 5793.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. MUNGO MACKAY	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. SAMUEL PARKMAN	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. THOMAS DENNIE	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JR. .	Grand Secretary.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. WILLIAM DENNISON	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JNO. BRAZER	1. Grand Steward.
W. LEWIS HAYT	2. Gran
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.

R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY.	Bro. WILLIAM SHAW.
" JOHN WARREN.	" SIMON HALL.
" PAUL REVERE.	" THOMAS EDWARDS.
" JOSEPH LAUGHTON.	" GEORGE GIDEON.

VOTED, That a seat be assigned for Bro. Jno. Sprague, of Lancaster.

Bro. Norton took his seat as proxy for Old Colony Lodge, Hanover.

Bro. Eph. Carter, Jr., took his seat as proxy for Trinity Lodge, Lancaster.

Agreeably to a resolve at the last Quarterly Communication, the Grand Master, with his Wardens, reported:

That they had written to our beloved President and Brother, George Washington, and presented him with a Book of Constitutions, to which letter he had been pleased to make answer. The letter and answer were read, and Voted to be inserted in the records of the Grand Lodge.

Address of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to their Hon. and Illustrious Brother, George Washington,

Whilst the historian is describing the career of your glory and the inhabitants of an extensive empire are made happy in your unexampled exertions; whilst some celebrate the *Hero,* so

distinguished in liberating America, and others the *Patriot* who presides over her Councils,— *A Band of Brothers,* having always joined the acclamations of their countrymen, now testify their respect for these milder virtues, which have ever graced the *Man.*

Taught by the precepts of our Society, "that all its members stand upon the level," we venture to assume this station; and to approach you with that freedom, which diminishes our diffidence, without lessening our respect.

Desirous to enlarge the boundaries of social happiness, and to vindicate the ceremonies of their Institution, this Grand Lodge have published a Book of Constitutions; (and a copy for your acceptance accompanies this) which, by discovering the principles which actuate, will speak the eulogy of the Society; though they fervently wish the conduct of its members may prove its higher recommendation.

Convinced of his attachment to its cause, and readiness to encourage its benevolent design, they have taken the liberty to dedicate this book to one, the qualities of whose heart and the actions of whose life have contributed to improve personal virtue, and extend throughout the world, the most endearing cordialities; and they humbly hope he will pardon this freedom and accept the Tribute of their esteem and homage.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe protect and bless you — give you length of days and increase of felicity in this world and then receive you to the harmonious and exalted Society in Heaven.

JOHN CUTLER, Grand Master.
JOSIAH BARTLETT, } G'd Wardens.
MUNGO MACKAY, }

Boston, 27th Dec., 5792.

THE ANSWER.

To the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Flattering as it may be to the human mind; and truly honorable as it is to receive from our Fellow Citizens testimonies of approbation for exertions to promote the public welfare, it is

not less pleasing to know, that the milder virtues of the heart are highly respected by a Society whose liberal principles are founded on the immutable laws of truth and justice.

To enlarge the sphere of social happiness is worthy the benevolent design of a Masonic institution; and it is most fervently to be wished that the conduct of every member of the Society, as well as those publications that discover the principles which actuate them may tend to convince mankind that the grand object of Masonry is to promote the happiness of the human race.

While I beg your acceptance of my thanks for the Book of Constitutions which you have sent me, and for the honor you have done me in the Dedication, permit me to assure you that I feel all those emotions of gratitude, which your affectionate address and cordial wishes are calculated to inspire. And I sincerely pray that the Great Architect of the Universe may bless you here and receive you hereafter in his Immortal Temple.

George Washington.

A letter from R. Oliver, Master of American Union Lodge, No. 1, in the Federal Territory North West of the river Ohio, acknowledging the receipt of a letter from the Grand Lodge, dated Dec. the 6th, 1791, expressive of the genuine feelings of gratitude and gladness in that Lodge, when the letter announced to them that they were acknowledged as a regular Body of Masons, was read and ordered to be put on file.

A letter from Tyrian Lodge, at Gloucester, acknowledging the receipt of our circular with the Book of Constitutions and returning thanks; with information that they have had a conference with our Rev'd Bro. Bentley, to whom they also refer for further particulars, was also read and ordered to be put on the files of this Grand Lodge.

A letter from our Rev'd Bro. Bentley, to whom was committed the Book of Constitutions and the circulars to the Essex Lodges, and stating that he had visited Tyrian Lodge and at the first opportunity will communicate the subjects of conference; that St. Peter's Lodge has directed a special Lodge to be

held whenever he can visit Newburyport; that St. John's Lodge, as he is informed, has not met for several years; and that the letter and Book designed for that Lodge are reserved in his hands 'till he arrive and confer upon the intended revival of that Lodge; and the communication for a conference being also the desire of Unity Lodge at Ipswich, &c., was also read and ordered to be placed on the files of this Grand Lodge.

A petition from Nath'l Paine, Nath'l Chandler and others, praying for a charter, to be erected into a Lodge by the name of Morning Star Lodge, in the town of Worcester, County of Worcester, was granted.

A letter from Timothy Whiting, Jun., Master of Trinity Lodge, was received, acknowledging the receipt of our letter of the 27th Dec., ulto., with the Book of Constitutions; expressing the satisfaction the Lodge had experienced in perusing the work, and their entire acquiescence in the same, was read and ordered to be placed on the files of the Grand Lodge.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of Virginia, accompanied with a copy of their proceedings, list of Grand officers, &c., was read, whereupon,

Voted, That a committee of three be appointed to prepare an answer thereto, and Brothers Josiah Bartlett, John Warren and Paul Revere were nominated and appointed to that purpose.

Voted, That letters be prepared for the Grand Lodges of London and Scotland, accompanied with Book of Constitutions and that the last mentioned committee be appointed to that service.

Voted, That the M.W. Grand Master send letters and Books of Constitutions to such Lodges at Halifax, Canada and Europe as he may deem most proper.

Voted, That the following general instructions for the Lodges holding charters under the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, accompany every charter, vizt: 1st. By the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, Chap. 5, Sec. 9, Art. 1. The four Quarterly Communications shall be held in the evenings of the 2d Monday in December, March, June and September. 2dly. Art. 6, same section, Every Lodge under this Jurisdiction shall once every year transmit to the Grand Lodge, the

names of their officers with the names of those that have been made Masons, passed Fellow-Crafts, and raised to the Sublime degree of Masters, in order that the same may be duly noticed in the Grand Lodge. By a vote which passed in Grand Lodge, 11th June, 5792, being the second Monday, every Lodge under this Jurisdiction shall send a list of their members to the Grand Secretary, to be recorded in the Grand Lodge Books, in a page kept for that purpose, and the name of every person made a Mason after this date, with *three* shillings for each person so made to be kept as a Fund of Charity.

Thirdly. Art. 2, same section, Every Lodge shall be represented by their own Master, Wardens or a Proxy; and no Proxy shall be received in Grand Lodge, except he be a Master Mason, and a member of some Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

Fourthly, April 2d, 5792, VOTED, every Lodge under this Jurisdiction shall pay two dollars quarterly for the use of the Grand Lodge.

Fifthly, When any Brother shall so misbehave, so that the Lodge of which he is a member shall expel him, his name, with his crime, shall be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

Sixthly, That these instructions be recorded in the Book of By-Laws of each Lodge, and read every Lodge night, or at least once in the Quarter.

The committee to whom was committed the petition from King Solomon Lodge for a reconsideration of an assessment on said Lodge, toward the expenses of installing our Grand Master, &c., report:

That King Solomon Lodge pay two pounds only instead of three pounds, the former assessment; and that the Harmonic Lodge, pay one pound ten shillings, instead of two pounds, the former assessment, which report was unanimously accepted.

A letter from Samuel Henshaw, Esq., was read, informing that on the 12th day of Oct. last, Asahel Pomeroy of Northampton had his large and new dwelling-house and tavern consumed by fire and also various other buildings, and that his circumstances are such that he cannot sustain his severe loss without being too greatly distressed, &c. R.W. Brothers Warren,

Parkman and Edwards were appointed a committee to enquire into the merits of this letter and make report.

A letter from St. John's Lodge in Boston, acknowledging the reception of the circular of the Grand Lodge, with the Book of Constitutions, was read and ordered to be put on the files of the Grand Lodge.

Edward Hicky, a distressed Brother, preferred a petition, which being read, VOTED, That the Secretary be directed to inform the petitioner that the application is irregular; such only being made to the private Lodges, holding under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Saint John's Lodge,	Thomas Dennie, William Shaw,	paid 12s.	
Rising States Lodge,	Paul Revere, Norton Brailsford, Simon Hall,	paid 12s.	
Trinity,	Brother Carter,	paid 12s.	
Hampshire Lodge,	Samuel W. Hunt,	paid nothing.	
Harmonic Lodge,	Geo. Gideon,	paid 12s.	
Wiscasset Lodge,	Bro. Sylvester,	paid 12s.	
Old Colony Lodge,	N. Brailsford,	paid 12s.	£3 12s.

Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JR.,

Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, in Boston, at Concert Hall, the 14th June, A.L. 5793.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM CALDER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JOHN BRAZER	Senior Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM DENNISON .	Junior Grand Steward.
" S. COLESWORTHY, JR. . . .	Grand Secretary.
Bro. JOHN JONES	Tylers.
" ROBERT NEWMAN . . .	
W. THOMAS DENNIE.	W. SIMON ELLIOT.
" GEORGE GIDEON.	" SAM'L W. HUNT.
" JOHN EDMUNDS.	" PAUL REVERE.

W. BENJ. FROTHINGHAM.

Copies of letters written to the Grand Lodges of England and Scotland were read; as also a letter from St. Andrew's Lodge, of the 16th April last, acknowledging the receipt of a letter of the 2d of the same month from this Lodge — which were ordered to be put on file.

A letter from Mrs. Lowell and children, presenting their respectful acknowledgments to the M.W. Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge; that they feel grateful for the distinguished honors heretofore paid her deceased husband and their father; and thank them for those honorary marks of respect so feelingly exhibited on a recent occasion, which was read and ordered to be put on file.

A letter, from a Lodge in the State of Vermont, dated 8th April last, directed to this Grand Lodge, being read, was committed to R.W. Brethren Paul Revere, William Scollay and Josiah Bartlett.

A petition, from a number of persons, members of the Royal Arch Lodge in Boston, was read, and referred to R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Wm. Dennison and Thomas Dennie, who are appointed a committee to confer with the petitioners respecting their wishes.

The Grand Secretary is directed to write the several Lodges who are in arrears for quarterages and to impress on their minds the absolute necessity of immediate payment.

COMMUNICATIONS.

St. John's Lodge, by their Secretary . . .	12s.	
Harmonic Lodge, paid	12s.	
		24s.

Return of the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, Boston.

R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Master.
"	THOMAS DENNIE	Senior Warden.
	WM. SHAW	Junior Warden.
R.W.	MUNGO MACKAY	Treasurer.
Bro.	SAML. W. HUNT	Secretary.
	JOHN JONES	Tylers.
	ROBERT NEWMAN	Tylers.
	WM. DENNISON.	LEWIS HAYT.
	AMOS WINDSHIP.	JOSHUA THOMAS.
M.W.	JOHN CUTLER.	JOHN DEVERELL.
	SAML. PARKMAN.	THOS. FARRINGTON.
	JNO. F. WILLIAMS.	JOAKIN VAN EXTER.
	JOB PRINCE.	WILLIAM MORRILL.

Return of Massachusetts Lodge.

R.W.	JONATHAN FREEMAN	Master.
	JOS. LAUGHTON	Senior Warden.
	SIMON ELLIOT	Junior Warden.
	WILLIAM LITTLE	Treasurer.
	ALLEN CROCKER	Secretary.
	SAML. COLESWORTHY, JR.	Senior Deacon.
	JAS. THWING	Junior Deacon.
	DAVID W. BRADLEY	Stewards.
	JONA. AMORY, Terts.	Stewards.
	JOHN JONES	Tyler.
	JAMES PRICE.	THOS. K. JONES.
	THOMAS BREWER.	JUDAH HAYS.
	JOHN LOWELL, tertius.	THOS. ENGLISH.
	SAMUEL BRADFORD, P.M.	WILLIAM BORDMAN, JR.
	WM. SCOLLAY, P.M.	SAMUEL PRINCE.
	JOHN BOYLE.	JOHN HARBACH.
	ISAAC WINSLOW.	ROBERT WIER, JUN'R.

EBENEZER BOYD.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST:

SAM'L COLESWORTHY, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF GRAND LODGE, at Lancaster, on the 10th of June, A.L. 5793.

The Trinity Lodge was opened in proper FORM; and the following officers and members of that Lodge were present, vizt:

R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING, JR. . .	Master.
W. MOSES SMITH	Senior Warden.
" AMOS JOHNSON	Junior Warden.
R.W. MICH'L NEWHALL.	Bro. JONAS FAIRBANKS.
Bro. DANIEL WHITING.	" JAMES BRAZER.
" ROBERT TOWNSEND.	" OLIVER CARTER.
" JOSEPH CARTER.	" ABIJAH FAIRBANKS.
" ASA JOHNSON.	" EPHRAIM CARTER.
" MERRIE RICE.	" ELIJAH WHITNEY.

Bro. JAMES WILDER.

A profane being initiated, the M.W. John Cutler, Grand Master, took the chair, and the Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM, vizt:

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. PAUL REVERE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" JOHN BRAZER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
JOHN SPRAGUE	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
ADAM COLSON	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*

A publick health being given the charter, the books and By-Laws of Trinity Lodge were presented, examined and approved by the M.W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master was then pleased to address the Lodge. A public Toast was given and the Lodges were closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST:

BENJ. RUSSELL,
Grand Secretary, Pro tem.

A MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Worcester, on the 11th of June, A.L. 5793.

PRESENT.

M.W.	JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W.	TIMOTHY WHITING	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	JOHN BRAZER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	PAUL REVERE	Past Grand Officer.
"	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Deputy Grand Master.
"	THADD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Treasurer.
W.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Secretary.
"	ADAM COLSON	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	BENJ. ANDREWS	Grand Sword Bearer.
	ELI GALE	Grand Tyler.

ALSO PRESENT.

R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS, Master, Morning Star Lodge.
W. NATH. PAINE, Senior Warden, Morning Star Lodge.
W. SAM'L CHANDLER, Junior Warden, Morning Star Lodge, with a very numerous and respectable company of visiting Brethren, from various Lodges in the vicinity.

After the Grand Lodge was opened, which was in AMPLE FORM, the following votes passed unanimously:

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the Rev. Aaron Bancroft for the discourse delivered by him this day and to request a copy thereof for the press.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed for the above purpose, and that they be instructed to request of him a copy for the press. The following Brethren were appointed on this committee, vizt: R.W. Brothers Paine, Chandler, Whiting and Sprague.

The Grand Secretary then read the Charter of Morning Star Lodge. After which the By-Laws and records were inspected and approved by the M.W. Grand Master.

The Grand Master then proceeded to install R.W. Isaiah Thomas Master of Morning Star Lodge, who also installed his officers and constituted his Lodge, agreeably to ancient usage.

The usual honors were paid by the officers and members of Morning Star Lodge to their R.W. Master. The Grand Master then resumed the chair, public Toasts were drank, and the ceremonies were closed by an elegant, historical and fraternal address by the R.W. Deputy Grand Master.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the R.W. D. G. Master for his address and the Master and Wardens of Morning Star Lodge were appointed a committee to wait on him and request a copy for the press.

The Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Attest:

Benjamin Russell, G. S. P. T.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, at Concert Hall, on Monday the 9th September, 5793.

Present

M.W. John Cutler . . . Grand Master.
Josiah Bartlett . . Senior Grand Warden.
Isaiah Thomas . . . . Junior Grand Warden.
Robert Newman . . . Grand Treasurer.
Saml. Colesworthy, Jr. . . Grand Secretary.
John Brazer . . . . . Grand Steward.
Paul Revere. Norton Brailsford.
George Gideon, P.M. Simon Elliot.
R.W. Charles Turner, Master, Hanover Lodge.
Samuel Barker, Senior Warden of ditto.
Jno. Just. Geyer.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write Bro. Bentley respecting the business committed to him with the Lodges at Newbury Port and Ipswich; and request him to make report of his doing thereon, at the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition from Jno. H. Merchell, Thomas Maysey and others, praying to be constituted into a Lodge, by the name of St. Paul's was read and committed to Bros. Scollay, Little and Dennie, who are to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition from William Mock and others praying for leave to be constituted into a Lodge, by the name of Inseperable Lodge was read and ordered to be dismissed.

A letter from Geo. Shinitz, setting forth that various reports have been circulated against him as a Master in Israel, tending to disparage his character; wherefore he humbly prays, that it might please the M.W. Grand Master, presiding in the Chair of Solomon, and ruling in the throne of wisdom and justice, to institute an enquiry whether the said reporters have ought against him, the said Geo. Shinitz, and in case no man can validate any charge against him, that he, the said Geo. Shinitz may be allowed to bring his gift to the altar of Masonry; and

offering his offering in the appointed seasons, to be reconciled to his fellow-workers in the Temple of harmony where the hammer of discord was never heard. Which, being read, was committed to Brothers Paul Revere, Josiah Bartlett and Simon Elliot.

An account, amounting to 50s. L. M'y, presented by W. Benj. Russell for printing for the Grand Lodge was allowed, and the Grand Treasurer was directed to pay the same out of the funds of the Lodge.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed with full powers to consider the state of the Grand Lodge; to visit all the Lodges they may think necessary; or in any other way effect a prompt payment of their arrears, and know their future determinations; that they have power to remit any dues previous to the organization of this Grand Lodge, and report, in the meeting in December, such Lodges only as ought to be considered within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, that the same may be published.

The committee appointed were, R.W. Brothers Bartlett, Scollay and Revere.

Return of the officers and members of Harmonic Lodge, at Boston.

JNO. J. GEYER	Master.
GEORGE GIDEON	Past Master.
ROBERT NEWMAN	Senior Warden.
SAM'L WOODMAN	Junior Warden.
JOHN PALFREY	Secretary.
JNO. EMERY	Senior Deacon.
PETER BREWER	Junior Deacon.
THOS. SHERIDAN GEO. CLARKE	Stewards.
JNO. STEINERE	Tyler.

JNO. CROSMAN.
JACOB SMITH.
RICHARD HORSEFALL.
FREDERICK GRANGER.
JOHN NEWLAND.
JOHN PERKINS.
JOHN FRENCH.

List of initiates in Harmonic Lodge since March, 5792, to the present date, vizt: September 9th, 5793.

5792.	May	1st.	JAS. EWING.	5793.	June	20.	JNO. FRENCH.
			THO. SHERIDAN.				JNO. PERKINS.
	Dec.	4.	JAMES DENNISON.		Aug.	6.	PAT'K D. FLANEY.
5793.	Jan.	1.	SAML. WOODMAN.				JNO. PALFREY.
	April	2.	GEO. CLARKE.		Sept.	3.	JAMES CLANECY.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Rising States Lodge, paid . . .	24s.	
Harmonic Lodge, paid .	12s.	
Old Colony Lodge, paid . .	24s.	
Harmonic Lodge, paid . . .	24s.	quarterage for 8 Members.
	£4 4s.	Total.

The Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JUNR.,

Grand Secretary.

VISITATION OF GRAND LODGE to St. John's Lodge, Wednesday Evening, 27th November, 5793.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
JOSIAH BARTLETT	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
MUNGO MACKAY	Senior Grand Warden.
SAMUEL PARKMAN . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
JNO. BRAZER	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JR.. .	Grand Secretary.

WILLIAM LITTLE.

JNO. SPRAGUE of Lancaster, with the officers and members of St. John's Lodge.

The Grand Lodge being regularly opened, the Grand Master was pleased to examine the By-Laws of St. John's Lodge which were well approved.

A Lecture was then given by the R.W. Master of St. John's Lodge, after which the M.W. Grand Master gave an energetic and Masonic address, at the conclusion of which the Grand Secretary, by the Grand Master's direction, read the Constitution of Masonry. The Deputy Grand Master then addressed St. John's Lodge in an elegant and truly philanthropic manner.

Several appropriate toasts were given by the Grand Master and by the Master of St. John's Lodge — and the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST:

SAM'L COLESWORTHY, JUNR.,
G. Sec'y.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE held at Concert Hall, in the evening of the 12th December, A.L. 5793.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
W. MUNGO MACKAY	Junior Grand Warden.
W. SAM'L PARKMAN	Grand Treasurer.
SAM. COLESWORTHY	Grand Secretary.
W. LEWIS HAYT .	1st Grand Steward.
W. JOHN BRAZER .	2d Grand Steward.
Bro. ROBT. NEWMAN	Tyler.

R.W. PAUL REVERE.	BENJAMIN FROTHINGHAM.
" WM. CALDER.	JONATHAN FREEMAN.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.	GEORGE GIDEON.
" RICHARD SALTER.	JOHN J. GEYER.
" JOB PRINCE.	JOHN PERKINS.
" ISAIAH THOMAS.	JOHN WARREN.
" NORTON BRAILSFORD.	WILLIAM SCOLLAY.
W. THOMAS DENNIE.	SIMON ELLIOT.
SAMUEL DANA.	SAM'L BARRETT.

WILLIAM DENNISON.

A letter, in answer to one received from the M.W. Grand Lodge in the State of Virginia, was presented and approved of, and it was VOTED, That the answer be sent forward.

The committee on the letter received from Geo. Shinitz, read at the last Quarterly Communication, report, that they find the said Shinitz has behaved unbecoming the character of a Mason; and recommend that his letter be returned him — which report was accepted.

The petition of John Merckell and others was called up and read, whereupon, Ordered, that the Petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition; it being the opinion of the committee, that it would be inconvenient at present to erect any more Lodges in the Town of Boston.

A petition from the officers and members of Harmonic Lodge was presented and read — setting forth that in Dec'r, 5790, they obtained a charter of dispensation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the term of three years, with full power to convene as Masons; to enter Apprentices, pass Fellow-Crafts

and raise Master Masons, under such restrictions as are set forth in their charter; at the expiration of which term of time, they were to have a charter at large without any further expense, if their conduct should warrant it, praying that the Grand Lodge will grant them a charter at large, and constitute them a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons: which being read was committed to R.W. Bros. Paul Revere, Sam'l Dunn and William Scollay — who report —

That the members of Harmonic Lodge having behaved, in their opinion, as good Masons, during the term for which they received their charter of dispensation, are entitled to a *Charter at Large,* which report was unanimously accepted.

R.W. Brothers L. Hayt, Thomas Dennie and William Little were nominated and appointed a committee on the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary for the year past.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of North Star Lodge, State of Vermont, report, that the balance due the Massachusetts Grand Lodge was ten pounds four shillings, which was commuted to four pounds ten shillings, that, that sum, together with the dues since the coalition, be the amount of the account against said Lodge, and be transmitted to them; which was accepted accordingly.

This being the evening assigned by the Constitution for the choice of officers of Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, the Lodge proceeded to a choice, and the M.W. John Cutler was chosen Grand Master for the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the State of Massachusetts, and the other Grand Officers, as hereafter designated.

Wpfl. Josiah Bartlett . . .	Depty Grand Master.
Mungo Mackay . .	Senior Grand Warden.
Samuel Parkman	Junior Grand Warden.
William Little	Grand Treasurer.
Sam'l Colesworthy, Jr. . .	Grand Secretary.
William Dennison . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
John Brazer	Junior Grand Deacon.
Lewis Hayt	1st Grand Steward.
Norton Brailsford . .	2d Grand Steward.
Samuel Bradford	Grand Marshal.
Benj. Russell	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Hooton	Grand Tyler, vice Newman declined.

The several officers thus chosen were respectively invested with the jewels of their offices and addressed by the M.W. Grand Master.

VOTED, That the books, papers, and money belonging to this Grand Lodge, and remaining in the hands of W. Bro. S. Parkman be delivered over and paid into the hands of the new elected Treasurer, William Little.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	£	s.	d.	
Morning Star Lodge, by their Master, paid . .	4	1	0	
King Solomon Lodge	2	8	0	
Massachusetts . .	3	12	0	
St. John's, Boston	1	4	0	
Harmonic . .	0	12	0	
Rising States	0	12	0	
Old Colony, by N. Brailsford . . .	0	12	0	
				£13 1 0

Return of Morning Star, at Worcester, their officers and members, viz:

R.W.	ISAIAH THOMAS	Master.
Wor.	NATH. PAINE	Senior Warden.
"	SAM'L CHANDLER	Junior Warden.
"	BENJ. ANDREWS	Senior Deacon.
"	JOSEPH TORRY	Junior Deacon.
"	JOHN STANTON	Treasurer.
"	SAM'L FLAGG	Secretary.
"	STOWERS AND MOWER	Stewards.
Bro.	ELI GALE	Tyler.

CHARLES CHANDLER.
JOHN WHITE.
JNO. PIERCE.
J. D. DUNBAR.
SAMUEL ANDREWS.
HELYER FARMER.
SALEM TOWNE.
JOHN SPURR.
THOMAS CHANDLER.
JOSEPH TURNBULL.
NATH'L CHANDLER.
CLARK CHANDLER.
SAM'L BRAZER.
JOSEPH ALLEN, JR.
SIMON DRAPER.
WILLIAM CALDWELL.
JOSIAH BLOOD.
DAVID DRESSER.
JOHN AMMIDON.
BENJ. DEWEY.
ELI WHEELOCK.
EBEN H. PHILLIPS and 15 others whose names are on file.

The Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JR.,
Grand Secretary.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall for the purpose of consecrating Harmonic Lodge, and installing its officers on the evening of the 5th of February, 5794.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Deputy Grand Master.
W. MUNGO MACKAY	Senior Grand Warden.
W. SAM'L PARKMAN	Junior Grand Warden.
" NORTON BRAILSFORD	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" SAML. COLESWORTHY, JR.	Grand Secretary.
Bro. HOOTON	Grand Tyler.
JOHN S. TYLER, SAML. ELLIOT	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Grand Marshal, and the following

visiting Brethren and Proxies.

JOHN J. GEYER.
ROBERT NEWMAN.
JOHN PERKINS.
GEORGE CROSSMAN.
JNO. PALFREY.
GEO. CLARK.
JAS. DENNISON.
JOSEPH THOMAS.
JOHN DREWEY.
JNO. WOART.
PERCIVAL HALL.
CALEB CLAPP.
JAMES GORDON.
BENJ. JAMES.
ISRAEL JONES.
ANDREW LOPEZ.
JOHN S. LOWELL.
MICHAEL LOWELL.
MATHEW PARK.
MATHEW CHAMBERS.
JOHN BARRY.
JAMES CAMPBELL.
JOHN W. CHECKLEY.
JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.
WILLIAM STEVENS.
JOHN JONES.
WILLIAM OAK.
CHARLES COOPER.
WM. MAREAN.
JNO. HUNTER.
BENJ. TUPPER.
JOHN BONN.
JON'A HICKS.
SAM'L L. PARKER.
THOMAS HIGGINSON.
LEWIS D. MANUEL.
DOMAX.
HENRY FOWLE.
JOSHUA EATON.
JOHN GOODWIN.
JNO. EDMUNDS.
BENJ. HURD, JUN'R.
JNO. WOODE.
WILLIAM M'KEAN.
JOHN TUCKERMAN.
SAMUEL BLAKE, and
THOMAS BENTLEY.

The Grand Lodge being opened the Grand Secretary read the petition of Harmonic Lodge, the vote of Grand Lodge consequent thereon, and the *Charter at Large* as granted to them; after which the By-Laws and records of the same Lodge were presented to the M.W. Grand Master for his inspection and approved by him.

The M.W. Grand Master then proceeded to install the Right Wor. Jno. J. Geyer as Master of Harmonic Lodge, who then proceeded and did install the following as officers thereof respectively, vizt:

	PRESENT.
ROBERT NEWMAN	Senior Warden.
JOHN PERKINS	Junior Warden.
GEORGE CROSSMAN	Treasurer.
JOHN PALFREY	Secretary.
GEO. CLARK, and JAMES DENNISON	Stewards.

agreeably to the form prescribed by the Grand Lodge in the Constitutions of Masonry.

After the usual honors had been paid, the Grand Master reassumed the Chair; public Toasts were given and the Deputy Grand Master concluded the solemnities by an elegant and fraternal address.

The Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

ATTEST:

SAMUEL COLESWORTHY, JUN'R,
Grand Secretary.

A MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, being Quarterly Communication, the 10th of March, A.L. 5794.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
W. MUNGO MACKAY, and .	Grand Wardens.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . . .	
W. THOMAS DENNIE . . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
" SAML. COLESWORTHY . . .	Grand Secretary.

SAMUEL DUNN.	JOHN J. GEYER.
WILLIAM SHAW.	ROBERT NEWMAN.
RICHARD SALTER.	GEORGE GIDEON.
BENJ. FROTHINGHAM.	LEWIS HAYT.
JOHN PERKINS.	BENJ. COOLIDGE.

SAMUEL W. HUNT.

W. Brother Paul Revere, Jr., was admitted a proxy for Old Colony Lodge, at Hanover, and took his seat accordingly.

R.W. Bros. Little, Dunn and Mackay were appointed a committee to confer with the Grand Secretary, respecting the sum he ought to receive for his services. They reported that he should receive 4 dollars per quarter both for his past and future services; and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay him that sum, until the further orders of the Grand Lodge. Their report was accepted.

A letter addressed to this Grand Lodge from George Shinitz was read, setting forth, that he, the said George, is fully convinced of his having acted in some instances, against the regular Masonic Constitutions; and hath also failed in that due obedience, which is so essential to the preservation of harmony, subordination and order. For all which improper and unbecoming conduct, he humbly implores permission to express his most unfeigned sorrow and deep contrition, requesting the forgiveness and pardon of all his superior officers and equal Brothers; earnestly beseeching that he may be restored to the rights, privileges and confidence of Masonry, faithfully promising with the

assistance of the Supreme, hereafter to demean himself as a good and true Mason, without deviating from the strait line of Duty.

Whereupon, VOTED, That the letter be put on file till the Quarterly Communication in December next; at which time, if the said Geo. Shinitz shall have behaved himself in all respects as becomes a good Mason, his application shall then be considered and not otherwise.

A seat was assigned Bro. Israel Jones, as Proxy for Friendship Lodge.

Return of Old Colony Lodge, at Hanover.

CHARLES TURNER, JR.	Master.
SAM'L BARKER	Senior Warden.
GEORGE LITTLE, JR.	Junior Warden.
ADAMS BAILEY	Treasurer.
SETH FOSTER	Secretary.
DAVID JACOBS, JR.	Stewards.
WILLIAM COLLAMORE	Stewards.
ATHERTON WALES	Tyler.

JOHN YOUNG.	ABIJAH OTIS.
WILLIAM CARTER, JR.	NATH. TURNER, 3d.
JAMES LEWIS.	RICHARD BAGNAL.
SNOW STETSON.	JOSHUA BARSTOW.
LUTHER BAILEY.	ELISHA BRIGGS.
JACOB BARSTOW.	ELISHA TILDEN.
JAMES CLAP.	THOS. HOBART, JR.

SILAS MORTON.

DR. THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS in account with Sam'l Colesworthy, Jr., their Secretary, commencing in March, 5793, and ending December, 5793.

5793.				£	s.	d.
March.	To Cash paid Saml. Parkman, Grand Treas'r,		p. rec't	3	12	0
April.	To ditto.	paid ditto.	do.	3	10	0
Sept.	To ditto.	paid ditto.	do.	4	18	0
Dec'r.	To ditto.	paid ditto.	do.	13	1	0
				£25	1	0

5793.		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March 11.	By Cash rec'd of St. John's Lodge	0	12	0			
	Rising States Lodge	0	12	0			
	Trinity Lodge	0	12	0			
	Harmonic Lodge	0	12	0			
	Wiscasset Lodge	0	12	0			
	Old Colony Lodge	0	12	0			
					3	12	0

June	14.	By Cash rec'd of St. John's Lodge . .	0	12	0				
		Harmonic Lodge .	0	2	0				
		for Charter of Morning Star Lodge	3	10	0				
						4	4	0	
Sept.	9.	By Cash rec'd of Rising Star Lodge .	1	4	0				
		Harmonic, Quarterages, &c.	1	16	0				
		Old Colony Lodge .	1	4	0				
						4	4	0	
Dec'r.		By Cash rec'd of Morning Star Lodge .	4	1	0				
		King Solomon's Lodge	2	8	0				
		Massachusetts Lodge	3	12	0				
		St. John's Lodge . .	1	4	0				
		Harmonic Lodge . .	0	12	0				
		Rising States Lodge	0	12	0				
		Old Colony Lodge	0	12	0				
						13	1	0	
						£25	1	0	

Boston, March 10, 5794.

We the subscribers having been jointly appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's Accounts, find them on examination well vouched and free from errors.

Lewis Hayt,
Thomas Dennie,
William Little,
Committee.

Communications, Vizt:

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Friendship Lodge, rec'd by Israel James the 24th Feby.				3	12	0
Rising States Lodge	0	12	0			
Harmonic Lodge	0	12	0			
St. John's Lodge	0	12	0			
				1	16	0
				£5	8	0

The Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Attest:

Samuel Colesworthy, Jr.,
Grand Secretary.

At a Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge, held at Concert Hall, on the 9th of June, A.L. 5794.

Present.

M.W.	John Cutler	Grand Master.
"	Mungo Mackay	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Saml. Parkman	Junior Grand Warden.
"	William Little	Grand Treasurer.
"	Saml. Colesworthy, Jr.	Grand Secretary.
W.	Norton Brailsford	1st Grand Steward.
	Paul Revere, Jr.	2d Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W.	Wm. Scollay.	Abel Lawrence, Jr.
	Saml. Bradford.	Jon. Remington.
	Edward Pulling.	John Brazer.
	Saml. Dunn.	John Doyle, who is appointed Junr. Warden in the — Harmonic — in the room of Jno. Perkins.
	Isaiah Thomas.	
	Robert Newman.	
	Eph'm Jones.	

A petition was presented by Gabriel Johonnot, David Howe and others praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at Penobscot, by the name of Hancock Lodge, which was granted.

A petition from John Merkell, Alexander Peters and others praying the Grand Lodge to grant them a charter, to assemble as a regular Lodge of Masons, in Boston, by the name of Melchizedeck, which being read, it was Voted, That the consideration of this petition lay over till the Quarterly Communication in December next.

A petition from Salem Towne and others, praying to be erected into a regular Lodge at Charlton, County of Worcester, which being read, was committed to R.W. Bros. William Scollay, I. Thomas and Eph'm Moore.

A petition was presented by Jonathan Remington, Jos. Jarvis, and others, praying to be erected into a Lodge in the towns of Cheshire and Lanesborough, to sit six months in each town alternately.

Voted, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted so far as they be indulged with the privilege of holding a Lodge in Cheshire by the name of Franklin Lodge; and that the other part

of the prayer, so far as holding the Lodge in the town of Lanesboro' is incompatible with the principles which actuate the conduct and mark the proceedings of this Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed to examine the state of the late Grand Treasurer's accounts find that there was in his hands on the 1st of January last, Three pounds, nine shillings, as a Fund for Charity: and Three pounds, nine shillings and nine pence, Funds of the Grand Lodge, both which sums making six pounds, eighteen shillings and 9d. together, with sixty Books of Constitutions, were transferred into the hands of the present Grand Treasurer.

A letter from William Sizer, Master, and Justus Ashman, Senior Warden, of Federal Lodge in Blanford, praying for liberty to hold the said Lodge alternately, at Chester and Blanford; convinced that the same would operate to the good of Masonry in general, &c., which letter being read; VOTED, That the request of Justus Ashman and William Sizer be granted; and that the Grand Secretary furnish them with a copy of this vote.

A vote of Old Colony Lodge at Hanover, on the 3d Monday in February, A.L., 5794, respecting the injurious and malevolent declarations of Brother Josiah Hussey, was presented and read; whereupon, VOTED, That the same be placed on the files of the Grand Lodge.

Two returns made this evening from Essex Lodge, of their choice of officers for the years 5794 and 5793, which were directed to be put on file.

A return of the officers of Warren Lodge, held at Machias, was made this evening and ordered to be put on file.

COMMUNICATIONS, VIZT:

	£	s.	d.
Essex Lodge, paid	4	4	0
Harmonic Lodge, paid	0	12	0
Rising States Lodge, paid	0	12	0
Old Colony Lodge, paid	1	4	0
Friendship Lodge, paid	1	16	0
	£8	8	0

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

SAML. COLESWORTHY, JUN'R,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, held at Concert Hall, Monday evening, the 10th of September, A.L. 5794.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOHN CUTLER	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN WARREN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SAML. DUNN	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. RICHARD SALTER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
JOHN BRAZER	Junior Grand Deacon.
WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.
NORTON BRAILSFORD	Grand Steward.

R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY. Bro. PAUL REVERE, JUNR.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS. SAML. W. HUNT.
R.W. GEORGE GIDEON. THOMAS DENNIE.
R.W. JOHN J. GEYER. ROBERT NEWMAN.
Bro. BENJ. COOLIDGE. JOHN DOYLE.

HOOTON, Grand Tyler.

A letter from Tyrian Lodge of Gloucester, of Feb'y 6th ulto., purporting the desire of said Lodge, to be enrolled in the books of this Grand Lodge, and to form a Communication with it, on the principles of the Constitutions, requesting the determination of said Lodge, and of the mode of correspondence on any other matters requisite to the support of the Communication,— which being read — VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to acknowledge the receipt thereof and to furnish them with the information by them requested.

A letter from the Secretary of King Solomon's Lodge, Charlestown, of 6th Sept., 5794, informing that on the resignation of the Master, Wardens, and Secretary, they had voted that the Lodge proceed to the choice of new officers, for the remainder of the year, when the following Brethren were unanimously elected, viz: John Soley, Master; Elip. Newell, Senior Warden; John Goodwin, Junior Warden; and Abijah Tufts, Secretary. After which they were duly clothed, by the R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Deputy Grand Master,— which being read, the R.W. John Soley was admitted to a seat as an officer elect of that Lodge.

A letter from St. Peter's Lodge, Newbury Port, with the votes of that Lodge enclosed, dated March 20th, 5793, which being read, it was VOTED, That the letter be placed on the files of this Grand Lodge.

A letter from W. Nath'l Wade, of Unity Lodge, of Ipswich, was received and read — wherein they return their thanks for the Book of Constitutions, presented them thro' the hand of Bro. Bentley, &c., &c.,— which was also ordered to be put on file.

On motion, VOTED, That Salem Towne and others — petitioners to this Grand Lodge — at their communication in June last, praying for leave to erect a Lodge in Charlton, have leave to withdraw their petition.

A letter from Alex'r A. Peters, John Merkell and others setting forth that at the Quarterly Communication in June last, they preferred a petition to this Lodge, the consideration of which was postponed till next December; and requesting that the debates on, and the determination of it may be this evening, and that a committee is in waiting to receive an Answer,— which letter being read, it was

VOTED, Unanimously, That this Grand Lodge adhere to their vote passed in June last,— of postponement till December next.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write to the Grand Lodge in the State of Rhode Island informing them that it is the intention and full determination of this Grand Lodge, not to grant any charter of erection to any Lodge out of this commonwealth, where another Grand Lodge has jurisdiction; hinting to them the absolute necessity of the measure, and requesting them to join in a plan so likely to operate to the benefit of Masonry in general.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Received of King Solomon's Lodge, by their Sec'y .	0	12	0
Saint John's Lodge, by S. W. Hunt . .	0	12	0
Rising States, by Bro. Brailsford . .	0	12	0
Harmonic, by R. Newman	0	12	0
	£2	8	0

The Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

SAM'L COLESWORTHY, JUN'R,
Grand Secretary.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, held at Concert Hall, on Monday the 8th December, 5794.

Present.

M.W. John Cutler	Grand Master.
R.W. Josiah Bartlett	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Mungo Mackay	Senior Grand Warden.
W. Samuel Parkman	Junior Grand Warden.
William Little	Grand Treasurer.
Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
William Dennison	Senior Grand Deacon.
Samuel W. Hunt	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Lewis Hayt Norton Brailsford	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Jesse Houghton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. John Warren, P.G.M.	Bro. Paul Revere, Jr.
W. Wm. Scollay.	" Robert Newman.
R.W. Isaiah Thomas.	" John Goodwin.
R.W. Thomas Dennie.	" Mirick Rice, Lancaster.
R.W. John Soley, Junr.	W. Joseph Laughton.
R.W. John J. Geyer.	" Richard Salter.
R.W. George Gideon.	" J. Sylvester, of Wiscassett.
Bro. Benj. Coolidge.	" John Doyle.

A letter from Alexander Peters and others, the consideration of which was referred over to this meeting, was taken up, read and acted upon; on motion Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition — and that it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the number of Lodges already constituted, in Boston, renders it inexpedient at present to increase the Lodges by granting any new charters of erection.

A petition from Noadiah Kellogg and others, praying for a charter of erection into a Lodge by the name of Republican Lodge in the town of Greenfield, was read and on motion,

Voted, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A letter from George Shinitz, addressed to this Grand Lodge, on the 10th of March last, and referred over to this meeting was read, whereupon

Voted, That the said Geo. Shinitz be restored to the rights, privileges and confidence of Masonry, upon condition, that he be made in a regular Lodge.

A letter from Rt. Wor. Master, Jon'a Remington, M'r of Franklin Lodge, of the town of Cheshire and county of Berkshire, appointing W. William Dennison their proxy, was read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing — when it appeared that the R.W. John Warren was chosen, who declined accepting the chair. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to another choice, when it appeared that the Rt. Worshipful Paul Revere was chosen: he not being present, a committee of three, vizt: R.W. Bros. Scollay, Dennison and Bartlett were appointed to wait on Bro. P. Revere to know whether he would accept the appointment; which committee reported his acceptance.

A ballot was taken for Senior Grand Warden; it appeared the W. Bro. Samuel Parkman was chosen who declined acceptance. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to another ballot; it appeared that the W. William Scollay was chosen who accepted the appointment.

A ballot was taken for a Junior Grand Warden, when it appeared that the Worshipful Isaiah Thomas was chosen, who accepted.

R.W. Brother William Little was unanimously chosen Treasurer by ballot and accepted.

W. Daniel Oliver, was chosen Grand Secretary and accepted.

On motion, Voted, That the thanks of Grand Lodge be presented to the Most Wor. John Cutler, the Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary and Treasurer for their past services, and that a copy of this vote be transmitted to them by the Secretary elect.

Voted, That the Lodge be adjourned to meet at Concert Hall on Monday next at 3 o'clock to install the Grand Officers; and that the Secretary be directed to notify them respectively by billet.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Received of St. John's Lodge	1	13	0			
Trinity Lodge	2	5	0			
Harmonic Lodge	0	12	0			
Lincoln Lodge, of Wiscasset . .	0	12	0			
Franklin Lodge, by Bro. Dennison	0	12	0			
				5	14	0
Paid W. Wm. Little, Treasurer, per receipt . . .				£5	14	0

Return of Rising States Lodge, December 8th, A.L. 5794.

The following officers were elected the 1st instant.

R.W. JOHN BRAZER	Master.
W. BENJ. COOLIDGE	Senior Warden.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR.	Junior Warden.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Secretary.
" JOSEPH CLARK .	Senior Deacon.
" CHARLES MOORE . . .	Junior Deacon.

And the following persons have been therein since Jan'y, 5794.

Bro. ALEX. MACKAY, JR.
JON'A MILES.
ROBT. GARDNER.
TILESTON CUSHING.
DANIEL OLIVER.
CHARLES COLLIMORE.
JOHN MANSFIELD.
CALEB CLAPP.
JOHN DUGGAN.
JOSEPH BARTLETT.
MICH'L LOWELL.
SAM'L ELLIOT, JR.
RICHARD GRIDLEY.
JAMES SCOTT, JR.
WM. MAREAN.
ISAAC WOODS.
JOSEPH BAKER.
JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.
ANDREW LOPEZ.
JOHN TUCKERMAN.
JOHN JONES.
CHARLES COFFER.
WILLIAM MOCK.
WM. STEPHENS.

Bro. VICTOR BLAIR.
NATH'L JOHNSON.
JOHN W. FOLSOM.
JOHN BROWN.
NATH'L PEABODY.
JON'A LUCE.
LOT LUCE.
PRESBURY COFFIN.
RICH'D DINGLEY.
RICH'D COLLINS, 1st.
PATRICK KENNEY.
RICH'D COLLINS, 2d.
BENJ'A BOTTER.
JAMES KELSA.
WILLIAM WOODS.
EDWARD HOLDEN.
JOHN MURDOCK.
LEM'L LUDDON.
ISAAC NUTT.
ROBT. DIMMOCK.
SAM'L BEALS.
EBENEZER LOBDELL.
EDMUND FREEMAN.
PETER GREENE.

Bro. John Miller, Jr.
Alexander Orrak.
Abner Dunham.
Enoch Baldwin.
Jon'a Wellington.
R'd Richardson.
John Howland.

Bro. David Swift.
Timo. Crocker.
Elijah Hillman.
Rich'd Delano.
Thos. Stephens.
David Fairchilds.
John Osborne.

Matthew Pierce.

Return of Trinity Lodge, at Lancaster, 8th Dec'r, 5794.
The following were elected the 2 inst., vizt:

R.W. John Maynard	Master.
Amos Johnson	Senior Warden.
Bro. Holloway Taylor	Junior Warden.
Oliver Carter	Treasurer.
Merrick Rice	Secretary.
John Patterson	Senior Deacon.
John Kimball	Junior Deacon.
John Ballard	Stewards.
John Loring	Stewards.
Jon'a Osgood	Tyler.

The following persons have been made therein the past year; vizt:

Bro. Thomas Chase.
John Loring.
Eleazer Rider, Jr.
Benj'a Maynard.
John Muzzey.

Bro. Benj. Champney.
Saml. Patterson.
Samuel Batherick.
Joseph Fox, Jr.
Peter Snow.

Andrew Brown.

The Lodge then closed in Due Form.
Attest:

Daniel Oliver,
G'd Sec'y, Pro Tem.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Concert Hall, December 12th, A.L. 5794, for the installation of the Grand Officers for the year ensuing.

Present.

M.W. John Cutler	Grand Master.
R.W. Josiah Bartlett	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Mungo Mackay	Senior Grand Warden.
W. Sam'l Parkman	Junior Grand Warden.
W. William Little	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. William Dennison	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Lewis Hayt	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Norton Brailsford	Grand Steward.
William Shaw	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

R.W. Perez Morton.
" Wm. Scollay.
Bro. Paul Revere, Jr.
Joseph Laughton.
Simon Elliot.
Amos Windship.
Sam'l W. Hunt.
Thomas Dennie.
Bro. John J. Geyer.
Benj'a Coolidge.
John Doyle.
David Sylvester of Wiscasset.
Jon'a Gage from Newbury Port.
John Newman.
Jesse Houghton, Gr'nd Tyler.

Voted, That a committee be chosen to examine the Grand Treasurer's and the late Grand Secretary's accounts, when the Worshipful Saml. Parkman, Wm. Shaw and Amos Windship were chosen; with power also to grant due compensation to the Grand Toiler for his past services.

Voted, That Bro's Laughton, Little, Elliot and Windship be a committee to introduce the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Wardens; they were accordingly introduced by the Grand Marshal, attended by the committee.

The M.W. John Cutler, then, in Ample Form installed the Grand Master and placed him in the chair of Solomon and invested him with his proper jewels.

The M.W. Grand Master, Paul Revere, Esq., was then pleased to appoint, R.W. Wm. Scollay, his Deputy; Bro. Will-

iam Dennison, S. G. Deacon; Bro. Lewis Hayt, Jun. G. Deacon; Bros. Norton Brailsford and John Boyle, Grand Stewards; Bro. William Calder, Grand Marshal; Bro. Benj. Russell, Grand Sword Bearer; and to invest them with their proper jewels.

A ballot was then taken for Senior Grand Warden, the office being vacated by the promotion of R.W. William Scollay and the Worshipful Isaiah Thomas was elected.

The Worshipful Richard Salter was also elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden, vacated by the promotion of Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

A procession was then formed and the Brethren, in their proper order, paid their usual salutes and congratulations.

A petition from Joseph Churchill and others praying for a dispensation for holding a Lodge under the style and title of Columbian Lodge, of Boston, was read, whereupon

Voted, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition, and that the Grand Lodge adhere to their vote of last Monday evening; and that the Grand Secretary inform them of the passing of this vote.

Signed,

Paul Revere, Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Attest:

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall, Monday, March 9th, A.L. 5795.

Present.

M.W.	Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W.	William Scollay	Deputy Grand Master.
W.	Isaiah Thomas	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	Richard Salter	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	William Little	Grand Treasurer.
W.	Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary.
"	William Dennison	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	Lewis Hayt	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	Benj. Russell	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	John Boyle	Grand Steward.
"	Jesse Houghton	Grand Tyler.

R.W.	Jon'a Gage of Newbury Port.	Bro.	Sam'l Chandler.
R.W.	John J. Geyer.	"	John Doyle.
W.	Amos Windship.	"	Aaron Bird.
Bro.	Paul Revere, Jr.	"	Saml. W. Hunt.
"	Joseph Laughton.	"	Robert Newman.
"	Benj. Coolidge.	"	Joshua Greenleaf.

A letter from Joseph Churchill and others was read, whereupon

Voted, That a committee be appointed to confer with them respecting their petition; Brothers Dennison, Little and Windship were chosen for that purpose.

The transactions of St. Peter's Lodge, Newbury Port were read, and on motion,

Voted, That they be accepted and that they take rank in the Grand Lodge according to ancient seniority. Also Voted, That a dispensation be granted to St. Peter's Lodge, to continue to hold Lodges for twelve months, in consequence of their Ancient Charter being, by some accident, lost or mislaid.

A petition, from Simon Learned and others, was read whereupon

Voted, That the R.W. Brother Isaiah Thomas, Bro's William Dennison and Amos Windship be a committee to take the

same into their consideration and report at the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, That a committee be chosen to purchase a book for recording all returns that may be received from Lodges, and that they arrange the same; when the Right Wor'l Isaiah Thomas, John Boyle and Benj. Russell were chosen for that purpose.

VOTED, That Tyrian Lodge be enrolled on the Grand Lodge books — and that they take rank accordingly, in Grand Lodge.

Also VOTED, That the Grand Secretary communicate a copy of this Vote to the W. Master of said Lodge.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to write Bro. Bentley for information respecting the doings of the Lodge at Ipswich.

VOTED, That R.W. William Scollay, Russell and Little be a committee to examine the return made by the late M.W. Grand Master of the jewels, regalia, and records of the Grand Lodge and to make enquiry respecting any deficiency that may be ascertained.

The committee appointed to examine the Treasurer's accounts — Report, That they have attended that service and find that there is Three pounds, nine shillings to be applied to charitable purposes, and a balance of 30s. due this Grand Lodge. That the Lodge is indebted to James Vila, Thirty-five pounds, fifteen shillings, as per his account. March 7th, 5795.

Signed SAM'L PARKMAN,
AMOS WINDSHIP,
Committee.

The above report was accepted.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to prefer a letter of correspondence with the provincial Grand Lodge in Lower Saxony, and to send a book of Constitutions. R.W. Bros. William Little, Isaiah Thomas and Benj. Russell were chosen for that purpose.

Signed

PAUL REVERE, G. M.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

		£	s.	d.
Received of	St. John's Lodge, Boston	0	12	0
	Harmonic, Boston	2	5	0
	Old Colony	1	4	0
	Rising States	0	12	0
	Massachusetts	0	12	0
		£5	5	0

AT A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE held at Concert Hall, on Monday evening, 8th June, 5795.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY	Deputy Grand Master.
W. RICHARD SALTER	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOS. LAUGHTON . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM LITTLE .	Grand Treasurer.
W. WM. DENNISON	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
R.W. WILLIAM CALDER . .	Grand Marshal.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JESSE HOUGHTON	Grand Tyler.

R.W. Bro. THOMAS DENNIE.	W. ALLEN CROCKER.
" JOHN BRAZER.	Bro. JONA. MAYNARD.
" JOHN SOLEY, JR.	AMOS WINDSHIP.
W. SIMON ELLIOT.	ROBERT GARDNER.
" SAM'L PARKMAN.	JOHN DOYLE.
R.W. ISRAEL JONES.	BENJ. COOLIDGE.

JOHN LAWSON.

Bro. Robert Gardner was admitted and took his seat as proxy for Old Colony Lodge, Hanover.

A petition from Jonathan Maynard and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in Framingham, county of Middlesex, was read with the papers accompanying the same; and on motion,

VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Brother Maynard had a seat assigned him in Grand Lodge. On motion, VOTED, That the vote passed in Grand Lodge in December last, respecting the petition from Joseph Churchill and others, be reconsidered.

The committee appointed to confer with Joseph Churchill and others reported, that they had attended that service; had heard the petitioners and agreed to the following report; vizt: that a dispensation be granted them to hold a regular Lodge in the

town of Boston, under such regulations and restrictions as the Grand Lodge shall see fit for the term of twelve months; which report was accepted.

The committee appointed to purchase a book, for the purpose of recording all the returns from the several Lodges under the jurisdiction, reported a draft, which was accepted.

The committee appointed on the petition of Simeon Learned and others, praying to be erected into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the name, title and designation of Evening Star Lodge, to meet at Lenox, county of Berkshire, reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

The committee, appointed to draft a letter to the Grand Lodge in Lower Saxony, reported, That they had attended that service, and had drafted a form of a letter, which was read and accepted; and on motion,

Voted, That the letter as drafted should be recorded on Grand Lodge books.

The Letter.

From the East of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, holden at Boston, North America,

United States, 8th June, 5795.

To the Most Worthy Brethren and Faithful Laborers in the Sublime Art of Masonry — The Grand Master, Wardens and other officers and members of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony.

Worthy and Affectionate Brethren:

We connect more closely the bands which unite the Brethren of our art throughout the world, and to open another channel for the reciprocal communication of that light which vivifies our Institution, and discovers its Wisdom, Strength and Beauty. I am directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master of this Lodge in behalf of its officers and members to commence a correspondence with our Brethren — the Grand Master and officers of the Provincial Grand Lodge of Lower Saxony; and to greet them with fraternity. The fame of their virtues and the ex-

cellency of the labor, in our art, having reached us on this side of the Atlantic.

I am also directed to present through the hands of their Secretary a copy of our Book of Constitutions, and to desire his friendly aid in this business; also to answer this letter and to favor us with any communications, that the Grand Lodge or their Secretary shall think proper to give us, for the good of the Sublime Art.

In complying with my directions, I feel a sensible pleasure in assuring my most Venerable and Worthy Brethren, of Lower Saxony, that the effulgent rays of Masonry continue to display their benign influence throughout the United States of America; and that the laborers in the Mystic Art are continually increasing. This information, I assure myself, will be highly pleasing to all who have the prosperity of the Craft at heart.

That the Supreme Architect of all Worlds may continue to you His holy protection and bestow on your Lodge and on our Brethren universally the rewards of the faithful and true, is the fervent wish of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

With the greatest esteem, I am, Most Venerable and Worthy Brethren,

Your affectionate Brother,

DANIEL OLIVER,

Sec'y of G'd Lodge of Massachusetts.

(Then follow the names of
the Grand Officers).

A letter from the Provincial Grand Lodge, Nova Scotia, to the M.W. Grand Master of this Lodge, was read and on motion,

VOTED, That the W'ful Brothers Parkman, Little and Dennison be a committee to answer the same.

A petition, from John Young and others praying for a warrant of incorporation for erecting a Lodge in the town of Truro, was read and committed to the R.W. Brother Scollay, W. Bros. Windship and Dennison.

Brothers Dennison, Windship and Laughton were appointed a committee to enquire respecting the treatment received by Brother Crossman from Harmonic Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to write a circular letter to all the Grand Lodges in the United States to be signed by the Grand Secretary. The M.W. Grand Master, Right Wf. Deputy Grand Master and W. William Little were appointed this committee.

VOTED, That the R.W. Thomas Dennie be requested to apply to Brother S. Colesworthy for information respecting books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That Brothers Russell, Elliot and Dennie be a committee to correspond with the Lodges under this jurisdiction.

VOTED, That the Secretary be directed to communicate to the several Lodges in this Jurisdiction, that part of the letter received from the provincial Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia which respects Micajah Bowman.

On motion, VOTED, That this Lodge do celebrate the Feast of St. John in DUE FORM, the 24th instant, at Concert Hall, and that there be a Masonic procession to and from the Chapel church; and the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, R.W. Brothers Russell, Little, Brazer, Laughton and Dennison be a committee to arrange the business of that day.

COMMUNICATIONS.

		£	s.	d.
Saint John's Lodge	by their Master	0	12	0
Massachusetts	by do.	0	12	0
Old Colony	by R. Gardner	0	12	0
Harmonic	by their Master	0	12	0
		£2	8	0

The Grand Lodge then closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

THE FEAST OF ST. JOHN, celebrated at Concert Hall, Boston, the 24th of June, 5795.

A procession in AMPLE FORM, was conducted to and from the Chapel church, in Boston, where an elegant address* was given by the R.W. T. M. Harris and prayer was made by the Rev. John Murray.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY	Deputy Grand Master.
W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
" JONATHAN REMINGTON . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. WM. DENNISON	Senior Grand Deacon.
" JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Junior Grand Deacon.
" JOHN BOYLE	Grand Steward.
" WILLIAM CALDER . .	Grand Marshal.
Bro. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JESSE HOUGHTON	Grand Tyler.
Rev. & R.W. THADDEUS M. HARRIS.	Rev. Bro. JOHN ELLIOT.
Rev. Bro. WILLIAM WALKER.	R.W. Bro. JOHN BRAZER.
Rev. Bro. JAMES FREEMAN.	R.W. Bro. JOHN SOLEY, JUNR.
Rev. Bro. JOHN MURRAY.	R.W. Bro. JOSEPH CHURCHILL.

Together with a very numerous and respectable number of Brethren — clergy, citizens, etc., etc.

*See Harris's Masonic Discourses, Charlestown, 5801, pp. 258-266; and Columbian Centinel, Boston, June 24 and 27, 1795.

MASONIC CELEBRATION

for laying the Corner-stone of the New State House.

The Governor, being complimented by the agents of the Commonwealth for building the New State House with laying the Corner-stone thereof, His Excellency requested the assistance of the Grand Lodge therein. Accordingly on Saturday, the 4th July, 1795, the Lodges assembled at the Representative Chamber and proceeded in Masonic order, to the Old South Meeting House to attend an Oration,* after which they proceeded in Masonic order, as follows

Independent Fusileers.
Martial Musick.
Two Tylers.
The Corner-Stone.
on a Truck, decorated with ribbons, drawn by fifteen white horses, each with a leader.
Operative Masons.
Grand Marshal.
Stewards with Staves.
Entered Apprentices.
Fellow Crafts.
Three Master Masons
with the Square, Level and Plumb-rule.
Three Stewards
bearing corn, wine and oil.
Master Masons.
Officers of Lodges with their respective jewels.
Past Masters of Lodges.
Grand Tyler
with a cushion and Bible.
Band of Music.
Grand Stewards.

*See the Hundred Boston Orators, Boston, 1853, p. 253.

Grand Deacons with wands.
Grand Treasurer and Secretary.
Past Grand Wardens.
Senior and Junior Grand Wardens.
Past Deputy Grand Masters.
Past Grand Masters.
Reverend Clergy — Brothers.
Grand Master
attended by the Deputy Grand Master, Grand Stewards and
Grand Sword Bearer.
Sheriff of Suffolk.
The Agents of the Commonwealth.
His Excellency, the Governor.
His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor.
Assistant and Quarter Master General.
The Honorable Council.
Members of the Legislature.
Clergy and Strangers of Distinction.

In this order they moved to the spot intended for the edifice.*

The procession being opened, the Agents, His Excellency the Governor, Grand Lodge, Lieutenant-Governor, etc., passed through. The operative masons having prepared the stone, His Excellency assisted by the Grand Master and Deputy Grand Master laid it — after the Grand Master had deposited under it a number of gold, silver and copper coins, and a silver plate bearing the following

INSCRIPTION.

This Corner-stone intended for the use of the Legislature and Executive Branches of Government of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was laid by His Excellency
Samuel Adams, Esq'r,
Governor of said Commonwealth
assisted by
The Most Worshipful Paul Revere,
Grand Master;

*See Freemason's Monthly Magazine (Boston), Vol. XIV, p. 367.

And the Right Worshipful Wm. Scollay,
Deputy Grand Master;
The Grand Wardens and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of
Massachusetts.
On the 4th day of July, 1795, A.L., 5795,
being the 20th Anniversary
of
American Independence.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, held at Concert Hall, the 9th of September, A.L. 5795.

PRESENT.

M.W.	PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W.	WILLIAM SCOLLAY	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	RICHARD SALTER	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W.	NORTON BRAILSFORD	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
	JESSE HOUGHTON	Grand Tyler.
R.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Deputy Grand Master.

R.W.	JOHN BRAZER.	Bro.	JACOB PARKER.
"	THOMAS DENNIE.	"	JOHN DOYLE.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	"	JOHN GOODWIN.
"	JOHN J. GEYER.	"	ROBERT GARDNER.
Bro.	S. W. HUNT.	"	WILLIAM SHAW.
"	ALLEN CROCKER.	"	BENJ. WHITMAN.

Brother Norton Brailsford was admitted as proxy for Hancock Lodge.

Bro. Brailsford then nominated Bro. Jacob Parker to represent him as Warden of Hancock Lodge, who was introduced and took his seat accordingly.

The committee appointed to draft a letter, in answer to one received from Provincial Grand Lodge, Nova Scotia, reported — which report was accepted, with some amendments.

The committee, appointed to write to the different Grand Lodges in the United States, made report, which was accepted with amendments; on motion, VOTED, That the Book of Constitutions accompany the same.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to write to such Lodges as are delinquent in payment of their dues; and that they be invested with power to make abatements where in their judgment it may appear necessary. The committee were the R.W. William Scollay, Josiah Bartlett and Thomas Dennie.

Resolved, That when any Lodge in this Jurisdiction is not represented in Grand Lodge and is in arrears, for a longer period than twelve months, it shall be considered as having relinquished its connection with the Grand Lodge, and not having a regular Masonic standing in the Commonwealth.

Voted, That the above committee be requested to send this Resolve to all the Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, and to report their doing at the next Quarterly Communication.

Communications.

	£	s.	d.
Received of Saint John's Lodge, quarterage.....	0	12	0
Columbian do.	0	12	0
Ditto do. 3 Makings.....	0	9	0
	£1	13	0

The Grand Lodge then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

Paul Revere,
G. M.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, specially holden, at Concert Hall, on the 8th of December, 5795.

Present.

M.W.	Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W.	Wm. Scollay	Deputy Grand Master.
W.	Richard Salter	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	Thomas Edwards	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
"	Amos Windship	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	Paul Revere, Jr.	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary.
"	Jesse Houghton	Grand Tyler.
Bro.	John Brazer.	Bro. John Perkins.
"	John Doyle.	" George Clarke.

A petition from Walter Deane and others was presented, praying for a charter for holding a Lodge in the town of New Marlborough by the name of Cincinnatus Lodge. Voted, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted. Brother Deane, being present, had a seat assigned him.

On motion, Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to enquire with respect to the conduct of Harmonic Lodge; and report their doings at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge. The following Brethren were nominated and appointed on this Committee. Worshipful Bros. Edwards, Dennie, Brazer, Laughton and Windship.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Attest: Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

AT A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, held at Concert Hall, the 14th December, A.L. 5795.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE .	Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS .	Senior Grand Warden.
W. RICHARD SALTER .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER . .	Grand Secretary.
" NORTON BRAILSFORD .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Steward.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON.	ALLEN CROCKER.
" THOMAS DENNIE.	AMOS WINDSHIP.
JOHN SOLEY, JR.	JOHN PERKINS.
JONATHAN MAYNARD of Framingham.	JAMES EATON.
JON'A GAGE, Newbury Port.	ROBERT GARDNER.
JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	SAM'L W. HUNT.
JOHN J. GEYER.	PAUL REVERE, JUN'R.
SAMUEL DUNN.	JOSEPH CLARK.

The R.W. Brother William Scollay reported that the Committee which was appointed at the last meeting, to enquire into the delinquencies of the several Lodges in this Jurisdiction, have not had opportunity to attend to the duty assigned them and asked leave to sit again.

On petition of Bro. Peter Sminck, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer pay to him five dollars for the purposes set forth in his petition.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to procure a Book of Constitutions elegantly bound for the use of the Grand Lodge.

A petition from Bro. Isaac Winslow was read and on motion, VOTED, That it be placed on the records of the Grand Lodge.

The letter follows, vizt:

BOSTON, 2d December, 5795.

PAUL REVERE, Esq.,

Most Worshipful Grand Master.

It is not only a duty incumbent on me but induced by heart-felt gratitude, to make my most sincere acknowledgment to the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Officers and Brethren composing the Grand Lodge, for their great and singular mark of fraternal respect, exhibited yesterday at the interment of my father, Mr. Joseph Russell.* I most cordially wish well to the Craft and firmly believe that the Institution on its true principles — philanthropy its basis; charity and benevolence its practice, advantageous to society and honorable to man.

Wishing you long life and health to pursue its benevolent maxims,

I am, with fraternal affection,

ISAAC WINSLOW.

The committee appointed on the petition of John Young and others praying to be erected into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in the town of Truro, by the name and title of King Hiram Lodge, reported in favor of the petitioners,—which report was accepted.

Returns were made and read from Rising States, St. John's, Trinity, Harmonic and Columbian Lodges.

The committee, appointed to enquire into the proceedings of Harmonic Lodge, reported and on motion, it was VOTED, That the sittings of Harmonic Lodge be suspended until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and that the charter of said Lodge be lodged in the hands of the Grand Master; and the committee proceed to make further enquiries respecting the proceedings of said Lodge.

Also, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary send the officers of Harmonic Lodge a copy of this vote.

This being the evening appointed by the Constitution for the choice of officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for their officers for the year ensuing; when it appeared that the result was as follows: vizt:

*See Columbian Centenial, Boston, December 2, 1795.

M.W. Paul Revere	Grand Master.
W. William Scollay	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Isaiah Thomas	Senior Grand Warden.
W. Joseph Laughton	Junior Grand Warden.
W. William Little	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary.
Norton Brailsford, John Boyle	Grand Stewards.
William Dennison, Lewis Hayt	Grand Deacons.
Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
Amos Lincoln	Grand Sword Bearer.
Jesse Houghton	Grand Tyler.

On motion, Voted, That the Book of Constitutions, handsomely bound, be presented to the Historical Society of this Commonwealth and to the Boston Library, and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master present them.

Communications.

Received of

Saint John's Lodge,	by their Secretary,	Quarterage	$2 00
Rising States do.	by their Treasurer		4 00
Massachusetts do.	by ditto.		2 00
King Solomon do.	by ditto.		15 00
Hancock do.	by N. Brailsford		2 00
Old Colony do.	by R. Gardner		2 00
Trinity do.	by their Master,	2 quarterages $4;	
		8 makings $4	8 00
Columbian do.	by do.	1 quarterage	2 00
	by do.	7 makings	3 50
Harmonic Lodge,	by John Perkins,	2 quarterages	4 00
	by ditto.	16 makings	8 00
Saint Peter's do.	by their Master,	4 quarterages	8 00
The above amount paid to Wm. Little, per receipt			$60 50

The Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

Paul Revere,
Grand Master.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, held at Concert Hall, March 14th, 5796.

PRESENT.

M.W.	PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
W.	ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Junior Grand Warden.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W.	WM. DENNISON	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Grand Steward.
Bro.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W.	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro.	JESSE HOUGHTON	Grand Tyler.

R.W.	JONATHAN GAGE.	JOHN DOYLE.
"	JOS. CHURCHILL.	JOSEPH CLARKE.
W.	ALLEN CROCKER.	PAUL REVERE, JR.
"	JAMES EATON.	BENJ. COOLIDGE.

JOHN PERKINS.

A petition from Simeon Pratt and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Roxbury by the name of Washington Lodge, was read and VOTED, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted.

Bro. Pratt, who presented the petition, was present and admitted to a seat in Grand Lodge,

W. Brother Thomas Edwards was admitted proxy for Cincinnatus Lodge.

A letter from Middlesex Lodge appointing Bro. Wm. Marean, proxy for that Lodge, was read and accepted and a seat assigned to Bro. Marean.

W. Wm. Dennison, appointed proxy for Evening Star Lodge, was admitted and took his seat accordingly.

W. John Boyle, appointed a proxy for Franklin Lodge, at Cheshire, was admitted as such.

A petition, from Lemuel Taber and others, praying for a charter for holding a Lodge, in the town of Hallowell, county of Kennebec, by the name of Kennebec Lodge, with the papers ac-

companying the same, was read, whereupon VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A petition was presented from Ebenezer Phelps and others, for a charter to erect and hold a Lodge, in the town of Charlton, by the name and title of Fayette Lodge; 'twas VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A petition from George Clark and others was read and referred over to the next Quarterly Communication.

W. Benj. Russell was added to the committee appointed to make enquiry into the proceedings of Harmonic Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That a copy of a charter for St. Peter's Lodge, of Newbury Port (the original of which has been lost by some unavoidable accident), be endorsed, subscribed and substituted by the officers of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, Upon further consideration of the petition of the officers and members of Columbian Lodge, That a charter of Incorporation be granted at large, and to take date from the 8th of June, 5796, to the Columbian Lodge.

Returns were received and read from the Rising States, St. Peter's, Columbian and Middlesex Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from	St. Peter's	Lodge	Dollars 6 50
	Middlesex	do.	16 00
	Columbian	do.	12 00
	Rising States	do.	6 00
	Massachusetts	do.	2 00
			$42 50

Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE, was held at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 13th June, A.L. 5796.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JON'A REMINGTON	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. NORTON BRAILSFORD	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Steward.
" BENJ'A RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
" AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
" JESSE HOUGHTON	Grand Tyler.

R.W. JOHN BRAZER.	W. ALLEN CROCKER.
" JOHN COOPER.	" SIMEON PRATT.
" JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	" PAUL REVERE, JUN'R.
" JOHN TOWNER.	Bro. SAML. W. HUNT.
W. THOMAS DENNIE.	" JOHN PERKINS.
" THOMAS EDWARDS.	" AZARIAH ENGLESTON, JUN'R.

A petition from Solomon Voze and others praying for a charter for holding a Lodge in the town of Northfield, by the name of Harmony Lodge, was read with the papers accompanying the same. On motion, VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

A petition from Brother Ebenezer Withington, 3d, and others, praying for a charter for holding a Lodge in the town of Dorchester, by the name of Union Lodge, was read; whereupon, VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted, being recommended by St. John's, Rising States and Washington Lodges.

A letter from the Master and Wardens of Lodge No. 1 at Portland was read and it was VOTED, That the said Lodge take their rank in Grand Lodge according to the date of their charter and also VOTED, That the said letter be recorded in Grand Lodge books, vizt:

PORTLAND, May 6th, 5796.

To the M. W. PAUL REVERE, Esqr.
Grand Master of Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

THRICE WORTHY AND MOST WORSHIPFUL,

In behalf of the members of Lodge No. 1, of this town, we solicit the favor of being enrolled in the number of Lodges under your direction. Unfortunately our charter has been missing for some years past, which of necessity deprived us of the means of congregating as we should have wished, and of cultivating that brotherly love and correspondence with you, which we have so ardently desired. Having lately recovered our charter, we have again congregated, and are sincerely disposed to acknowledge your jurisdiction over us and to conform in all respects as becomes the Craft, for the preservation of order and harmony.

Having been reassembled a short time only, and our number being small, the state of our treasury will not permit us to pay any arrearages, but you may rely on our discharging what dues may arise in future, with punctuality. We trust no difficulty will arise against our holding rank, agreeably to the date of our charter.

All the Brethren greet your worship and in the most respectful form used among Masons, we salute you, and crave leave to subscribe,

Most Worshipful, your faithful Brethren,

WOODBURY STORER, Master.
JAMES LUNT, S. W.
WILLIAM SYMMES, J. W.
of Lodge No. 1.

On the representation of the R.W. John Cooper, Master of Warren Lodge, held at Machias, VOTED, That there be remitted to Warren Lodge at Machias, all the dues to the Grand Lodge, excepting those for the Quarterly Communications from June, 5795.

The committee appointed to report on the proceedings of Harmonic Lodge, having considered the subject, submit the following, vizt:

The committee who have had under their consideration, the subject submitted to them, with respect to the Harmonic Lodge, having before this made a report to the Grand Lodge of the statement of facts relating to the subject, in consequence of which the authority of said Lodge to act under their late charter was suspended, have again attended to the subject and in consideration of the inconvenience the said Lodge has suffered, though justly, and, depending on the promises made by most of the individuals of said Lodge of future good conduct, the committee do now report, as their opinion, subject to the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that the said Harmonic Lodge be reinstated in their former privileges as regular Masons.

THOMAS EDWARDS, per order.

The above report was accepted, with the amendment that the said Lodge shall not, for the term of one year, make any Mason, without first obtaining the approbation of the Grand Master.

Brother Allen Crocker was appointed as proxy by Warren Lodge and admitted accordingly.

On motion, VOTED, That Brothers Russell, Boyle and Brazer be a committee to investigate the debts and dues of the Grand Lodge; to discharge the former and collect the latter.

Returns for Washington, Columbian and Massachusetts Lodges were received this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Rising States Lodge,	one	quarterage		.....Dolls	2 00 cts.
Massachusetts	do.	3	do.	.....	6 00
Franklin	do.	5	do.	.....	10 00
Warren	do.	4	do.	.....	8 00
Evening Star	do.	4	do.	.....	8 00
Columbian	do.	1	do.	and 10 Initiates	7 00
Middlesex	do.	3	do.	.....	6 00
Hancock	do.	6	do.	.....	12 00
Washington	do.	1	do.	7 Initiates....	5 50
					$64 50

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,

Grand Secretary.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 12th of September, A.L. 5796.

Present.

M.W. Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W. Isaiah Thomas	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Joseph Laughton	Junior Grand Warden.
W. William Little . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Daniel Oliver .	Grand Secretary.
" Lewis Hayt	Senior Grand Deacon.
" John Boyle . .	Junior Grand Deacon.

R.W. John Brazer.	Bro. Paul Revere, Junr.
" John Soley, Jr.	" Joseph Clarke.
" Jon'a Remington.	" William Marean.
" Joseph Churchill.	" Sam'l W. Hunt.
" Eben'r Withington, 3d.	" John Perkins.
" Charles Turner.	" James Davenport.
" John Doyle.	" John Ward.
W. Thomas Dennie.	" Robert Newman.

A vote of the Trustees of the Boston Library Society was read. On motion, Voted, That the said vote be recorded on the Grand Lodge Book of Records, vizt:

At a meeting of the Trustees of the Boston Library Society, 21st May, A.L., 5796,

Voted, That thanks be given to the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons for the valuable present of a volume, elegantly bound, containing the Constitution of their Society; and that the Reverend John Elliot be desired to wait upon Col. Revere with this — to thank him for his politeness and beg him to transmit their grateful thanks to the Grand Lodge.

From the Records of the Trustees,

Nathan Webb,
Secretary.

John Elliot,
Chairman of Trustees, etc.

A letter received from the Rev'd Brother Bentley, inclosing one from Brother Nath'l Wade, Master of Unity Lodge, Ips-

wich, and referred over to this meeting was read and it was VOTED, That they lay over to the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

A letter was received from R.W. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris, and read. On motion, it was VOTED, That the R.W. Brothers, T. Dennie, Wm. Little and Thad's M. Harris be a committee to wait on Bro. Mozard and request of him a copy of the papers mentioned by Rev. Bro. Harris in his letter to the Grand Lodge.

A Memorial received from Terence McCoustine, to the Grand Lodge, was read, VOTED, That Bros. Little, Dennie and Laughton, Bros. Paul Revere, Jr., and John Brazer be a committee to hear the parties and report to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication. Papers delivered to the committee.

A petition received from Bro. Henry Wickham, to the Grand Lodge, was read and committed to the same committee (papers delivered).

A petition, from Bro. John Coles to the Grand Lodge, was read and committed to the same committee. (N.B. papers dl'd.)

A petition from Samuel Guthrie and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Munson, county of Hampshire, was read, with the papers accompanying the same (by the name of Franklin Lodge), and was referred over to the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, The thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to St. Peter's Lodge for their present of a number of copies of Bro. Hooper's oration.

On motion, VOTED, That Brothers Hayt, Hunt and Dennie be a committee to examine the Grand Treasurer's accounts for the year past.

Returns were received and read from Union, Columbian and Harmonic Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

		Dolls.
Union Lodge, rec'd by their Master for	1 Quarterage, 6 makings	5 00
Washington	1 Quarterage	2 00
Massachusetts	1 do.	2 00
Harmonic	1 do.	2 00
Middlesex	1 do.	2 00

		Dolls.
Old Colony	4 Quarterages.....	8 00
Saint John's	3 do.	6 00
Columbian	1 do. $2;	
	15 makings $7.50.....	9 50
Rising States	1 Quarterage.....	2 00
Hancock	1 do.	2 00
This sum paid over to the Grand Treasurer, per receipt.....		$40 50

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,

Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, of Massachusetts, held at Concert Hall, the 12th of December, A.L. 5796.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. NORTON BRAILSFORD . . .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. PAUL REVERE, JR. . . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM MAREAN	
" AMOS LITTLE	Grand Sword Bearer
" T. LUDERE	Grand Tyler.

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT.	W. ROBERT GARDNER.
" JOHN SOLEY.	R.W. SIMEON PRATT.
" JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	Bro. JAMES EATON.
" JOHN DOYLE.	" ROBERT NEWMAN.
" WILLIAM SHAW.	" FILLICKE.
" THOMAS DENNIE.	JOHN PERKINS.
JOHN PULLING, Mr. Essex Lodge.	ALLEN CROCKER.

REVEREND THADDEUS M. HARRIS.

A letter received from Nath'l Wade, Master of Unity Lodge, of Ipswich, was read, whereupon VOTED, That the said letter be recorded.

IPSWICH, 10th Sept., 1796.

WOR. AND DEAR BROTHER:

The members of Unity Lodge met the last evening on the subject of recognizing the Massachusetts Grand Lodge and voted unanimously to come under their jurisdiction.

I am directed through your medium to make the necessary communication to the Grand Lodge, on the subject.

I am, Sir, with great respect and esteem,

Yours,

NATH'L WADE.

M.W. PAUL REVERE, Esq'r.

The committee appointed to wait on Bro. Mozard reported and, on motion, VOTED, That the books received from Bro. Mozard remain in the hands of the committee until the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed on the Memorial from Bro. McCoustine reported; VOTED, That the subject be referred to the next meeting.

The committee upon the petition from Bro. Henry Wickham reported; VOTED, To refer the same to the next Quarterly Communication.

The report of the committee, on the petition from John Coles, was read and accepted.

A letter from the Grand Lodge in Nova Scotia was read and the Most Worshipful Grand Master, R.W. Brothers Josiah Bartlett and William Little, were appointed a committee to answer the same.

The report of the committee on the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts was read and accepted.

The committee appointed on the Grand Secretary's accounts reported, that there remains in his hands a balance of sixty-four dollars, which sum he is ready to pay to the Grand Treasurer.

Signed, J. BOYLE, per order.

The same committee were appointed to say what compensation ought to be made to the Grand Secretary, who reported, that he be paid five dollars for his attentions, on each Quarterly Communication. That the remaining sum be granted him as a compensation for extra services. (Vide amount on file.)

On motion, VOTED, That the M.W. Grand Master be authorized at every annual meeting to nominate and appoint a Grand Chaplain, whose duty it shall be to attend the Grand Lodge and perform such clerical duties as shall be assigned him.

A letter was received from Harmonic Lodge, which, being read, was committed to Brothers Laughton, Dennie and Little, who are to report their doings thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

This being the evening assigned for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot for their

officers, when the following Brethren were unanimously chosen, vizt:

M.W. Paul Revere . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. Isaiah Thomas . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Joseph Laughton .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. William Little . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Daniel Oliver . .	Grand Secretary.
W. Norton Brailsford .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. John Boyle . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Joshua Thomas . .	Grand Stewards.
" William Marean .	
" Benj. Russell . .	Grand Marshal.
" Amos Lincoln . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. & Rev. Thad's M. Harris .	Grand Chaplain, *pro Anno.*

A letter from the Grand Lodge, of Maryland, was received and read. Voted, To commit the same to the M.W. Master, R.W. Josiah Bartlett and Wor. William Little.

Voted, That the charter of the Lodge at Portland be inclosed to that Lodge, and certified on the back by the name of Portland Lodge.

A letter, received from Portland Lodge, appointing Bro. William Little their proxy, was read and accepted.

Voted, That the Quarterages, etc., due from Portland Lodge be remitted them.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer be requested to procure a trunk and columns for the use of the Grand Lodge.

The petition from Sam'l Guthrie and others, refer'd over to this meeting, was taken up and acted upon. On motion, Voted, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted and that a charter be issued, by the name and title of Thomas Lodge.

Brother Sam'l Bradford took his seat as proxy for Federal Lodge at Blanford.

Returns were made from Harmonic, Fayette, Middlesex, Columbia, Cincinnatus and Washington Lodges.

Communications.

			Dolls.
Columbian	Lodge,	1 Quarterage	2 00
Fayette	do.	2 do. 16 makings	12 00
Rising States	do.	per Vila, 100 makings	50 00
Essex	do.	8 Quarterages by J. Pulling	16 00
Middlesex	do.	1 do. 11 makings	7 50

						Dolls.
Cincinnatus	Lodge,	4	Quarterages	14	makings	15 00
Harmonic	do.	1	do.	12	makings	8 00
Washington	do.	1	do.	11	makings	7 50
Old Colony	do.	1	do.		.....	2 00
						$120 00

The Grand Lodge then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

At a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge, held at Concert Hall, 22d December, A.L. 5796.

Present.

M.W. Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W. Jos. Laughton .	Senior Grand Warden.
W. William Shaw	Junior Grand Warden.
W. William Little . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Daniel Oliver . . .	Grand Secretary.
W. Norton Brailsford . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. John Boyle	Junior Grand Deacon.

R.W. Josiah Bartlett.	W. Thomas Dennie.
" J. Brazer.	Bro. Robert Gardner.
" Joseph Churchill.	" John Perkins.
" John Soley, Jr.	" Amos Windship.
" John Doyle.	" James Eaton.
W. Allen Crocker.	" Robert Newman.

Bro. John Thompson.

A letter was received from Brother Alexander Martin and read and committed to the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Bros. Bartlett, Harris, Dennie and Boyle.

The report of the committee, appointed on the Memorial of Terence McCoustine and refer'd over to this meeting, was again taken up, considered and accepted.

The committee appointed upon the petition received from Harmonic Lodge reported, that the restrictions on their charter be continued, which report was accepted.

On motion, Voted, That the M.W. Grand Master, Right Wor. Josiah Bartlett, P. D'y Grand Master, R.W. William Shaw, Wor. Thomas Dennie and Wor. Allen Crocker, be a committee to confer with a committee of Columbian Lodge and report their doings at the next Quarterly Meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

AT A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE, held at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 23d February, 5797.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W. SAM'L DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. NORTON BRAILSFORD . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. JOSHUA THOMAS . . .	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JON'A MAYNARD.	W. THOMAS EDWARDS.
" WOODBURY STORER.	SAM'L W. HUNT.
W. THOMAS DENNIE.	ALLEN CROCKER.

WILLIAM BLODGETT.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to draft a resolve and lay the same before the Grand Lodge at their next meeting, respecting persons that are proposed to be made Masons in a Lodge and are rejected, and afterwards apply to another Lodge within the Jurisdiction and gain admittance; when the Most Worshipful Grand Master, W. Brother Edwards, and W. William Little, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

A petition from Walter Deane and others, was read and on motion, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Brother Allen Crocker, appointed proxy for Harmony Lodge, at Northfield, was admitted accordingly.

Brother Abijah Wyman admitted proxy for Trinity Lodge.

Return of Trinity Lodge was received and read this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	Dolls.	
Rec'd of Unity Lodge, by Bro. Wade, 2 Quarterages.....	4	
		Dollars.
of Trinity Lodge, by the M.W. G. Master, 14 makings	7	11 00

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 13th March, A.L. 5797.

PRESENT.

M.W.	PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Junior Grand Warden.
W. & Rev.	THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain.
W.	WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
"	NORTON BRAILSFORD	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	JOSHUA THOMAS	Grand Stewards.
"	WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.

R.W.	WILLIAM BENTLEY.	R.W.	EBENEZER SEAVER.
"	WILLIAM SCOLLAY.	Bro.	SAM'L W. HUNT.
"	THOMAS EDWARDS.	"	ALLEN CROCKER.
"	JOHN SOLEY, JR.	"	SIMEON PRATT.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	"	MOSES THOMAS.
"	JOHN BRAZER.	"	SAMUEL HAYDEN.
"	WILLIAM SHAW.	"	SAM'L GOLDSBOROUGH.
"	SAMUEL BRADFORD.	"	A. WYMAN.
"	EBEN. WITHINGTON, 3d.	"	PAUL REVERE, JR.

ROBERT NEWMAN.

The report of the committee appointed to wait on Bro. Mozard respecting the books and papers received from him and refer'd over to this meeting was again taken up; and on motion, VOTED, That the books and papers received from Brother Mozard remain in the hands of the M.W. Grand Master.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to draft an Address, to be presented to our Illustrious Brother, George Washington, Esq'r, when the M.W. Paul Revere, Grand Master, R.W. John Warren, Rev. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris, R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Bro. Thomas Edwards, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

The committee appointed to draft a resolve respecting persons proposed to be made Masons, in Lodges, and rejected, and have

afterwards been admitted into other Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, made a partial report, which was refer'd over to the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

The committee appointed to consider the letter received from Bro. Alexander Martin, made report which was accepted.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to write to the Lodges held at Marblehead, Nantucket and Truro. The committee appointed were M.W. Grand Master, and Brothers Dunn, Dennie and Edwards.

A letter, with the list of the Grand Officers of Pennsylvania, was read. (See the letter on file.)

A return of the officers and members of Union Lodge, at Dorchester, was received and read this evening.

VOTED, That Bro. T. M. Harris be requested to give a copy of the Address, delivered by him this evening to the Grand Lodge, to be recorded in their Book of Records.

ADDRESS.

M. WORSHIPFUL GRAND MASTER,
R.W. GRAND WARDENS,
W. MEMBERS AND RESPECTED BROTHERS:

In taking my seat in this Grand Lodge, agreeably to your desire, permit me to express my lively sense of gratitude for the honor you have confer'd on me by the appointment. Accept in return my assurances that, in the discharge of every duty connected with my function, and of every service you may assign, I will employ my most ready and active zeal.

I am sensible of the importance of this venerable Institution, in your view and in the eyes of the World. That it might retain all its value and dignity with both, I could have wished that your suffrages had fallen upon an older and a worthier Clerical member.

You, my Brethren, consider the office I am called to fill, as original and appropriate to the purest spirit, expressing the primary purposes, and essential to the sacred character of Free Masonry.

To those labors of love, which win to us the favor of men, we have never omitted to unite those habits of piety which ensure the approbation of God. Our glorious Temple, you know, has always preserved its holy altar and retained its officiating priest. In its *Sanctum Sanctorum,* whither only the consecrated and the pure retire, devotion holds her favor'd residence. The jewel on her spotless breast bears in golden characters this motto:

"The Sons of Light and Love are Sons of God."

With upraised eyes, and arms extended towards the radiant sphere of Heaven, she directs us to pay our earliest attention and homage to that resplendent Sun of Glory, whose brightest beams enlighten our labors and enliven our souls. There we address our adorations and praise to "the Father of Light — from whom cometh down every good and perfect gift." There we find the centre whence diverge all the rays of Wisdom, Order and Beauty, which are reflected from whatever is truly great and sublime, good and perfect in the visible Creation. Imbibing a spirit of manly piety, our souls are elevated and a divine light and joy pervade and fill them.

Yes, my Brethren, a heart whose rectified sentiments are reverence, whose constant expressions are praise and whose truest affections are love to the Supreme Good, the infinitely wise Architect of Nature, and which in imitation of His beneficence expands in acts of charity and glows in the prospect of happiness enjoyed by man,— such a heart is the noblest Temple that can be erected to the Deity — the virtues are its officers; the graces its members; religion is its priest.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of	Morning Star Lodge,	by I. Thomas	.....	$15 00
"	Harmonic Lodge,	1 Quarterage	.....	2 00
"	Rising States	2 do.	.....	4 00
"	Union Lodge,	2 Quarterages $4;		
		16 makings $8	.....	12 00
"	Washington Lodge,	1 Quarterage	.....	2 00
"	Columbian do.	1 do.	.....	2 00
The above sum of 37 dollars, paid The Grand Treasurer, per receipt				$37 00

The Grand Lodge then closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Concert Hall, in the evening of the 12th June, A.L. 5797.

PRESENT.

M.W.	PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JOHN BRAZER	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	JOHN SOLEY, JR.	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	BENJ. COOLIDGE	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	JOSHUA THOMAS	1st Grand Steward.
"	WILLIAM MAREAN	2d Grand Steward.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	SAMUEL LUDDEN	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT.
" WILLIAM SCOLLAY.
" JOHN COOPER.
" JOSEPH CHURCHILL.
" JOHN BRAZER.
" CHARLES TURNER, JUN'R.
" JOHN DOYLE.
" NATH'L DUMMER.
Bro. SIMEON PRATT.
" JOHN WARD.

Bro. JAMES DAVENPORT.
PAUL REVERE, JUN'R.
GABRIEL JOHONNOT.
GEORGE MANNING.
ROBERT NEWMAN.
JOHN GOODWIN.
OLIVER PRESCOTT.
THOMAS WHITNEY.
JOHN LAMSON.
SAM'L GOLDSBOROUGH.

J. GANNETT.

A petition from Joel Gilbert and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at Norton by the name of Bristol Lodge, was read with the papers accompanying the same, and, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from Samuel Atwood and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at South Hadley, county of Hampshire, by the name of Jerusalem Lodge, was read and being constitutionally recommended, it was VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition from Hector Orr and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at Bridgewater, by the name of Fellowship Lodge, was read and being duly recommended, it was VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition from Isaac Hurd and others, praying for a charter for holding a Lodge in the town of Concord by the name of Corinthian Lodge, was read with due recommendations, and it was VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition from Gabriel Johonnot and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of ————, was read with the papers accompanying the same. The petition was committed to Brothers Scollay, Little and Bartlett to report at the next Quarterly Communication. (Papers dl'd the committee.)

On the application of John Cooper, in behalf of a number of Brethren praying for a charter for holding a Lodge at Columbia, VOTED, That as the petition is mislaid, the M.W. Grand Master, Deputy G. Master with his two Wardens, be authorized to take such measures respecting the constituting said Lodge as they may judge proper on said petition being presented to them.

VOTED, That the charter of the Philanthropic Lodge held at Marblehead be endorsed by the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Wardens and Grand Secretary, June 12, 5797, to sanction that name.

The committee, appointed to draft an Address to our Illustrious Bro. George Washington, reported and on motion, VOTED, That the Address together with the answer be recorded on the Grand Lodge Book of Records. Here follow the address and answer.

The East, the West and the South, of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

TO THEIR MOST WORTHY GEORGE WASHINGTON:

Wishing ever to be foremost in testimonials of respect and admiration for those virtues and services with which you have so long adorned and benefited our common country; and not the last nor least, to regret the cessation of them, in the public councils of the Union; your Brethren of the Grand Lodge embrace the earliest opportunity of greeting you in the calm retirement you have contemplated to yourself. Though as citizens they lose you in the active labors of political life, they hope, as Masons, to find you in the pleasing sphere of Fraternal engagement.

From the cares of state and the fatigues of public business our institution opens a recess affording all the relief of tranquillity, the harmony of peace and the refreshment of pleasure. Of these may you partake in all their purity and satisfaction; and we will assure ourselves that your attachment to this social plan will increase; and that under the auspices of your encouragement, assistance and patronage, the Craft will attain its highest ornament, perfection and praise. And it is our ardent prayer, that when your Light shall be no more visible in this earthly temple, you may be raised to the All Perfect Lodge above; be seated on the right of the Supreme Architect of the Universe, and there receive the refreshment your labors have merited.

In behalf of the Grand Lodge, we subscribe ourselves with the highest esteem,

Your affectionate Brethren,
PAUL REVERE, Grand Master.
ISAIAH THOMAS, S. Grand Warden.
JOSEPH LAUGHTON, J. Grand Warden.

DANIEL OLIVER, Grand Secretary,
BOSTON, 21st March, 5797.

[ANSWER.]

To the Grand Lodge of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BROTHERS:

It was not until within these few days that I have been favor'd with your affectionate letter, dated Boston, 21st March. For the favorable sentiments you have been pleased to express on the occasion of my past services, and for the regrets with which they are accompanied for the cessation of my public functions, I pray you accept my best acknowledgments and gratitude.

No pleasure, except that which results from the consciousness of having to the utmost of my abilities discharged the trusts which have been reposed in me by my country, can equal the satisfaction I feel for the unequivocal proofs I continually receive of its approbation of my public conduct; and I beg you to be assured, that the evidence thereof, which is exhibited by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, is not among the least pleasing or grateful to my feelings.

In that retirement which declining years induced me to seek and which repose, to a mind long employed in public concerns, rendered necessary, my wishes that bounteous Providence will continue to bless and preserve our country in peace, and in the prosperity it has enjoyed, will be warm and sincere; and my attachment to the Society, of which we are members, will dispose me always to contribute my best endeavors to promote the honor and interest of the Craft.

For the prayer you offer in my behalf, I entreat you to accept the thanks of a grateful heart, with assurance of fraternal regard and best wishes for the honor, happiness and prosperity of the Craft, and of all the members of ye Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

GEORGE WASHINGTON.

A letter received from the Grand Lodge in New Hampshire, with a list of their officers, was read and committed to Bros. Little, Russell and Brazer.

A letter from Grand Lodge of New York, with a Book of Constitutions, was read and committed to the same committee; also, a letter from Virginia, etc.

On motion, VOTED, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Wardens be authorized and empowered to affix names to Lodges granted within this Jurisdiction.

VOTED, That the Grand Lodge will attend for the Installation of St. Paul's Lodge, at Groton, the 2d of August, next.

Returns were made from Columbian, Lincoln, Kennebec and Rising States Lodges and read this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of				Dolls.
St. Peter's Lodge,	by Bro. Little,	36	makings...18 00	
		4	Quarterages 8 00	26 00
Columbian Lodge,	by their Master,	26	makings...13 00	
		1	Quarterage. 2 00	15 00
Washington Lodge,	by Bro. Pratt,	1	do.	2 00
Harmonic Lodge,	by R. Newman,	1	do.	2 00
Union Lodge,	by Bro. Davenport,	1	do.	2 00
St. Paul's Lodge,	by their Master,	1	do.	2 00
Lincoln Lodge,	by M.W. G. Master for past arrears....			40 00
				$89 00

DANIEL OLIVER,

Grand Secretary.

A Special Meeting of Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall, on June 26th, A.L. 5797.

Present.

M.W.	Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W.	Samuel Dunn	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	Isaiah Thomas	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	Joseph Laughton	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	William Little	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary.
Bro.	Norton Brailsford	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	John Boyle	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	Joshua Thomas	Grand Stewards.
"	William Marean	Grand Stewards.
"	Amos Lincoln	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Samuel Ludden	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*
R.W.	Josiah Bartlett.	W. Richard Salter.
"	Samuel Bradford.	" Thomas Dennie.
"	John Soley, Jr.	Bro. Sam'l W. Hunt.
"	Joshua Churchill.	" Sam'l Goldsborough.
"	John Cooper.	" Sam'l Hayden.
"	Eben Withington, 3d.	" John Baker.
"	Sam'l Barrell.	" Robert Gardner.
"	Simon Eliot.	" Isaac Davenport.
W.	Allen Crocker.	" Harryman.

Wor. Thomas Edwards.

A letter, sent by the M.W. Grand Master to the Master of the Harmonic Lodge, together with his answer, was read, and on motion, Voted, That the Master and Secretary of Harmonic Lodge be called into the Grand Lodge to answer to charges alleged against them by the M.W. Grand Master. They being present, their charter, records and By-Laws were called for. The charter not being produced, it was Voted, That the Grand Lodge will not proceed to business until the charter of Harmonic Lodge be laid before them. On their producing their charter it was Voted, That the charges exhibited by the M.W. Master be read to the Master and Wardens of Harmonic Lodge, as follows:

First, That you did on the 13th inst., contrary to the true intent and meaning of a note of Grand Lodge of the 13th of

June, 5796, call a special meeting to make a number of persons Masons, without handing their names to the Grand Master for his approbation.

SECOND, That you did on Friday evening, the 16th inst., contrary to all laws, rules and regulations, and in direct violation of your Master's obligation, make the following persons, Masons — vizt: Phillip Orne, — Hooper, Charles French and David Fitzgerald; all of them, persons to whom the Grand Master had refused his approbation.

THIRD, That you did on the same evening make nine persons Masons, some of whom had not stood the usual time on the books, and without having first obtained a dispensation from the Grand Master for that purpose.

FOURTH, That you have at several times made a man an Entered-Apprentice, Fellow-Craft, and a Master Mason, the same evening, contrary to the usages of Masonry.

The above charges having been read by the Grand Secretary to Brother John Doyle, Master of Harmonic Lodge, Robert Newman, Senior Warden, and Jacob Flicke, Junior Warden, and having made part of their defense, it being late, the Grand Lodge adjourned to Wednesday evening, the 28th instant, to meet at Concert Hall.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

THE GRAND LODGE, agreeably to their adjournment, met at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 28th of June, A.L. 5797.

PRESENT.

M.W.	PAUL REVERE	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Junior Grand Warden.
Bro.	NORTON BRAILSFORD	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
	WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Secretary.
	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
	SAMUEL LUDDEN	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W.	JOHN CUTLER	Past Grand Master.
R.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	WILLIAM SCOLLAY.	THOMAS DENNIE.
	PEREZ MORTON.	BENJ. COOLIDGE.
	JOHN COOPER.	PAUL REVERE, JR.
	JOHN SOLEY, JR.	SAM'L GOLDSBOROUGH.
	JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	SAM'L HAYDEN.
	RICHARD SALTER.	AMOS WINDSHIP.
	ALLEN CROCKER.	JOHN LAMSON.
	THOMAS EDWARDS.	LEWIS HAYT.
	SAM'L BRADFORD.	SIMEON PRATT.

BRO. HARRYMAN.

The Grand Lodge being opened, the several charges exhibited against Harmonic Lodge were again read by the Grand Secretary.

The Master and Wardens having been fully heard in the defense, and having withdrawn, the Grand Lodge passed the following votes:

1st, That the charges exhibited by the M.W. Grand Master have been fully proved.

2d, That the following question be determined by Yeas and Nays, vizt: Shall the charter of Harmonic Lodge be vacated?

The question being taken, fifteen members were in favor of it and eight against it.

YEAS.	NAYS.
Samuel Dunn.	Perez Morton.
Joseph Churchill.	Thomas Edwards.
Simeon Pratt.	Amos Lincoln.
Joseph Laughton.	John Boyle.
Samuel Hayden.	Isaiah Thomas.
Paul Revere.	Allen Crocker.
John Soley, Junior.	Richard Salter.
Josiah Bartlett.	Harryman. 8.
William Scollay.	
Norton Brailsford.	
William Marean.	
John Cutler.	
Samuel W. Hunt.	
Sam'l Goldsborough.	
Daniel Oliver. 15.	

Two Brethren not being possessed with the merits of the case desired not to vote.

Voted, That Phillip Orne ,— Hooper, Charles French and David Fitzgerald, who have been made Masons, in Harmonic Lodge, contrary to the express prohibition of the Grand Master, be prohibited from visiting any Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Grand Master, be desired to communicate to all the Grand Lodges in the Union and to all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge respecting the conduct of Harmonic Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 13th of September, A.L. 5797.

Present.

M.W.	Paul Revere	Grand Master.
R.W.	Samuel Dunn	Deputy Grand Master.
"	Isaiah Thomas	Senior Grand Warden.
"	Joseph Laughton	Junior Grand Warden.
"	Thad's M. Harris	Grand Chaplain.
Bro.	Norton Brailsford	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	John Boyle	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	William Marean	Grand Steward.
"	Benjamin Russell	Grand Marshal.
"	Amos Lincoln	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	Lem'l Ludden	Grand Tyler.

R.W.	William Scollay.	Bro.	John D. Dunbar.
"	John Brazer.	"	Simeon Pratt.
"	John Soley, Jr.	"	John Ward.
"	Joseph Churchill.	"	Abraham Haskell.
W.	Isaac Hurd.	"	Edwd. Withington, 3d.
"	Richard Salter.	"	John Lamson.
"	Allen Crocker.	"	Edward Bowman.
"	Paul Revere, Jr.	"	James Temple.
"	Benj. Coolidge.	"	Thomas O. Larkin.
"	Abijah Wyman.	"	Thomas Hale.

A letter with a list of Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, together with returns from several Lodges within its Jurisdiction, was received, and read and ordered to be placed on file.

Communication from the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire was received, and read and ordered, also, on file.

A petition from William Munro and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Lexington, was read, with sundry papers accompanying the same, and committed to the M.W. Master, R.W. Samuel Dunn, Isaiah Thomas, J. Laughton and John Brazer. (Papers d'l'd.)

A petition was received from Francis Weeks and others, for leave to hold a Lodge in the town of Falmouth, was read and refer'd over to the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

A petition was received from James Mann and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Franklin, being constitutionally recommended, VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A letter from Seth Smith, Junior, Master of Bristol Lodge, appointing Edmund Bowman, proxy, was received, read and accepted.

A petition received from Cheney Reed and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at Brookfield, by the name of Meridian Sun Lodge and being properly recommended, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

On motion, VOTED, That the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, with R.W. Brothers Warren, Bartlett and Thomas be a committee to peruse a work proposed to be published by R.W. Bro. Thad's M. Harris, and if they approve the same, that they give it the sanction of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That the Most Worshipful Grand Master, with R.W. Brothers Harris, Timothy Whiting, Josiah Bartlett and the Rev'd Bro. Bentley be a committee to revise the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and report on the same.

VOTED, That the following Regulations be adopted as permanent ones, vizt:

1st. The Grand Secretary, under the direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, after the choice of officers each year, shall transmit a list of the new officers chosen, or re-elected, as also, an attested copy of all new general Regulations adopted, to the Grand Lodge of every State in the Union.

2d. No charter of erection, or dispensation, shall be granted to any number of Masons residing out of this State, except when the Grand Lodge of the State in which the petitioners reside shall acquiesce therein in writing.

3d. The Grand Lodge will not hold communication or correspondence with, or admit as visitors, any Masons residing in this State who hold authority under, and acknowledge the supremacy of, any Foreign Grand Lodge or who do not by their representatives communicate and pay their dues to this Grand Lodge.

Worshipful Brothers Crocker, Laughton and Brazer were appointed a committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer.

Returns from Warren, Bristol, Lincoln and Philanthropic Lodges were received and read this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

					dolls.
Rising States	Lodge,	Bro. Lincoln,	2	quarterages...	4 00
Washington	do.	Bro. Pratt,	1	do. ...	2 00
Lincoln	do.	M.W. Master, ...			20 00
Corinthian	do.	by their Master,	1	do. ...	2 00
Union	do.	Bro. Withington,	1	do. ...	2 00
Columbian	do.	by their Master,	1	do. ...	2 00
King Solomon	do.	by Bro. Larkin,	2	do. ...	4 00
Trinity	do.	by Bro. Haskel,	1	do. ...	2 00
Philanthropic	do.	by Bro. Coolidge,	1	do. ...	2 00
Hancock	do.	N. Brailsford,	2	do. ...	4 00
Bristol	do.	Bro. Bowman			8 50
					52 50

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

Bro. D. Oliver was chosen, by Jerusalem Lodge, their proxy and accepted as such in Grand Lodge.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Concert Hall, on the evening of the 11th December, A.L. 5797.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON . .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Grand Chaplain.
W. NORTON BRAILSFORD .	Senior Grand Steward.
W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	Junior Grand Steward.
W. WILLIAM MAREAN . .	Grand Deacons.
W. JOSHUA THOMAS . .	Grand Deacons.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. AMOS LINCOLN . . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. LEMUEL LUDDEN . .	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

R.W. JOHN CUTLER.
" PEREZ MORTON.
" JOHN SOLEY, JR.
" JOHN BRAZER.
" JOSH. CHURCHILL.
" ISAAC HURD.
" SIMEON PRATT.
" JOHN D. DUNBAR.
W. TIMOTHY WHITING.
" THOMAS DENNIE.
Bro. JAMES EATON.
" JOSHUA GREENLEAF, JR.
" MOSES THOMAS.
" AMOS CALDWELL.
" ELIJAH WHITNEY.
" EDMUND BOWMAN.
" EDWARD H. BAXTER.
" ISAAC DAVENPORT.
" EBENR. H. PHILLIPS.
" JOHN GOODWIN.
" ELA HAYT.
" JOHN SPURR.
" EPHRAIM MOORE.
" LEVI PEASE.
" ALEXANDER ORROK.

R.W. SIMON ELLIOT.
" WILLIAM SHAW.
" WILLIAM SCOLLAY.
" JAMES BRAZER.
" EDMUND BAKER.
W. MUNGO MACKEY.
" SAM'L PARKMAN.
" SAM'L BARRETT.
" THOMAS EDWARDS.
" RICHARD SALTER.
Bro. ABIJAH WYMAN.
" THOMAS HEALD.
" OLIVER HOLDEN.
" MOSES HARIMAN.
" ROBERT GARDNER.
" SAM'L H. HAYDEN.
" SHUBAEL BELL.
" OLIVER PRESCOTT.
" SAM'L W. HUNT.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.
" PAUL REVERE, JR.
" REUBEN BRYANT.
" CHARLES MOORE.
" WILLIAM ALLYNE.
" ALLEN CROCKER.

The committee appointed to draft a resolve respecting persons proposed to be made Masons in Lodges and not admitted, etc., reported the following, vizt:

Resolved, It is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that every Lodge under this Jurisdiction, before they proceed to ballot for any person to be made a Mason — it shall be their duty to make a strict enquiry, what town in the State such candidate belongs to; and if it appears that he is a citizen of any town in this Commonwealth, where a regular Lodge is constituted, or if he lives within five miles of a constituted Lodge, other than the one to which he is proposed, it shall operate as an exclusion, without a recommendation of the Master and Wardens of the nearest Lodge where he belongs; for no person's character can be so well known as in the town or neighborhood where he belongs. And it shall be the duty of Masters of Lodges, when a character is rejected for the want of such a recommendation as a free Mason ought to have, to direct their respective secretaries to acquaint the Masters of the adjacent Lodges, with the name and circumstances of the person rejected and also the like information to the Grand Lodge. This report was accepted.

The committee appointed to make report, on the petition of James Munroe and others, praying for a Charter for holding a Lodge in the town of Lexington by the name of Hiram Lodge, reported, that the prayer of the petitioners be granted — which report was accepted.

A petition from William Hull and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Watertown, by the name of the Meridian Lodge, was read and being duly recommended, Voted, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The petition received from Frank Weeks and others, refer'd over to this meeting, was taken up and refer'd over to the next meeting.

On motion, Voted, That a new charter be granted to the Lodge held at Holmes' Hole, Martha's Vineyard, by the name of King Solomon Lodge of Perfection.

Letter received from Grand Lodge of England, with their doings, was read and ordered to be placed on the files of this Grand Lodge.

A letter from the Grand Lodge, of Pennsylvania, inclosing the proceedings of said Lodge, List of Officers, etc., was read and placed on file.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of Correspondence be appointed, when the M.W. Paul Revere, R.W. Brothers Dunn, I. Thomas, T. M. Harris, Sam'l Parkman, Perez Morton, and Jno. D. Dunbar, were elected for that purpose.

VOTED, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that the construction of the 2d Article, of the second section, of the Constitution, is, and ought to be, that every Lodge, represented in Grand Lodge, shall have one vote, and no more, whether they have one or more representatives.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then pleased to address the Grand Lodge in a fraternal manner, in which his abilities in the Masonic Art were eminently displayed.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration, the recommendations made by the M.W. Grand Master in his Address to the Grand Lodge, deliver'd this evening, and the Right Wfl. Brothers, J. Cutler, T. M. Harris, and P. Morton were appointed to that purpose.

This being the evening assigned by the Constitution for the choice of Grand Officers, a committee was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes, consisting of R.W. Brothers T. Whiting, Wm. Scollay and Thomas Dennie.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for their Grand Officers, for the year ensuing, when it appeared, that the R.W. Josiah Bartlett was chosen Grand Master; R.W. Joseph Laughton, S. G. W'n; Wfl. William Little, Junior G. Warden; Wfl. Thomas Dennie, Grand Treasurer, and Brother Daniel Oliver, Grand Secretary.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Grand Master-Elect, and inform him of his appointment; and that the R.W. Brothers Dunn, Dennie, Thomas, Laughton and Little be a committee for that purpose.

VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our Right W. Bro. Isaiah Thomas, Esq'r, for his generous present to the Grand Lodge of an elegant Bible.

Brother Simon Elliot, appointed and accepted proxy for Tyrian Lodge.

Brother Alexander Orrok, appointed and accepted proxy for King Hiram Lodge.

Returns were received and read this evening from Washington, Columbian, Fayette, Republican, Union, Corinthian, Trinity, and Tyrian Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Rec'd from	Corinthian	Lodge	.....	$5 00
	Republican	do.	.....	56 00
	Columbian	do.	.....	9 00
	Trinity	do.	.....	13 50
	Washington	do.	.....	8 00
	Fayette	do.	.....	27 50
	Rising States	do.	.....	2 00
	Saint Paul's	do.	.....	4 00
				125 dollars.

This sum paid Wm. Little, Treasurer, per rec't.

The Grand Lodge then closed in DUE FORM, to assemble at this place on the 27th instant, to install the Grand Officers-Elect for the year ensuing.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

AT A MEETING OF GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 27th December, 5797, for the installation of its officers.

PRESENT.

M.W. PAUL REVERE	M.W. Master.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
" ISAIAH THOMAS	Senior Grand Warden.
" JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Junior Grand Warden.
W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
Rev. Bro. WILLIAM WALKER	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. NORTON BRAILSFORD	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JNO. BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
" WM. MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
" JOSHUA THOMAS	Grand Stewards.
" BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro. AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
" LEMUEL LUDDEN	Grand Tyler.

R.W. JOHN CUTLER.	Rev. JOHN MURRAY.
R.W. JOHN BRAZER.	R.W. WILLIAM SHAW.
" JOSHUA CHURCHILL.	" OLIVER HOLDEN.
" SIMEON PRATT.	W. ALLEN CROCKER.
W. THOMAS EDWARDS.	" RICHARD SALTER.

together with a numerous and respectable assembly of Brothers.

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, reported, that there is in the hands of the Treasurer, ninety pounds, twelve shillings and one penny,— the property of the Grand Lodge,— and, for charitable purposes, five pounds, seventeen shillings, which he stands ready to pay to the new Treasurer. And by the Secretary's accounts exhibited, there is in his hands, fifty-six dollars and seventeen cents.

The committee beg leave further to report, that a compensation be made to the Grand Secretary for his services; that five dollars be allowed him for attendance at each communication of the Grand Lodge for the year past, and that he pay the balance to the Grand Treasurer.

The committee further report, that by an account exhibited by the Secretary, there is now due from the different Lodges under this Jurisdiction, three hundred and thirteen dollars and fifty cents; which amount they beg to lay before the Grand Lodge, that measures may be taken to oblige each Lodge in arrears to pay the same and to prevent the evil in future.

Signed, ALLEN CROCKER, JOSEPH LAUGHTON, JOHN BRAZER, } Committee.

This report was accepted.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to wait on the Grand Master-Elect; to introduce him into the Grand Lodge, and R.W. J. Cutler, and Right Worsh'l Bros. Salter, Revere, Jun., John Brazer, and Churchill, were appointed for that purpose.

The committee, preceeded by the Grand Marshal, G. S. Bearer and Grand Stewards, introduced the Grand Master.

The Throne of Grace was then addressed by the Rev'd Brother Walker.

The Grand Master was then installed in DUE FORM and seated in the Chair of Solomon and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, Grand Master of the Society of Free and Accepted Masons, through the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

A procession, in DUE FORM, then paid the customary honors, to the Chair, in the three several degrees.

The Grand Master then installed the R.W. Joseph Laughton, S. Warden; R.W. William Little, Jun'r Grand Warden; R.W. Thomas Dennie, Grand Treasurer, and Bro. Daniel Oliver, Grand Secretary, and invested them with their several Jewels.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint and commission the R.W. Samuel Dunn, Deputy Grand Master, who was installed in DUE FORM. Likewise to appoint R.W. and Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, Grand Chaplain; Wfl. John Boyle, S. Grand Deacon; W. Bro. John Gorham, Junior G'd Deacon; Bro. William Marean, Sen. Grand Steward; Bro. John Raymond, Junior G'd Steward; W. Benj. Russell, G'd Marshal; Bro. Amos Lin-

coln, G'd Sword Bearer, and Bro. Simon Wyman, Grand Tyler, —who were accordingly installed and invested with their appropriate Jewels.

After these ceremonies were closed, an elegant address was delivered to the Grand Lodge by the M.W. Grand Master.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Master be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy of his address, to be placed on the records of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our Most Wor. Master, Paul Revere, Esq., for his eminent services rendered this Grand Lodge, while in the Chair of Solomon.

Also, VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the Rt. Wor. Isaiah Thomas, Esq'r, and other officers for their great attention and services rendered this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge then partook of a collation provided for the occasion, and a number of public toasts were given.

THE ADDRESS.

FATHERS AND BRETHREN,

With emotions of gratitude and anxiety, I address you on this occasion; for whilst I offer my unfeigned acknowledgments for the repeated tokens of your respect and confidence, when I contemplate the talents, the patience and unwearied exertions of a Price, of a Tomlinson, an Oxnard, a Gridley, a Rowe, a Warren, a Webb, a Hays, a Cutler and a Revere, I experience a full conviction of my inability to discharge the important duties to which your partiality has invited me.

Of these, my venerable predecessors in office in this Commonwealth, seven have been summoned by our Supreme and Unerring Grand Master to that exalted and harmonious Lodge, tyled with impenetrable secrecy and from whence "no traveller returns." But though absent, they yet speak in our public records; and perhaps, at this moment, look down with complacency on the effect of their benevolent endeavors.

The magnanimity and zeal with which they encounter'd the difficulties and embarrassments of establishing and supporting an institution, which from its novelty in this country, the natural

curiosity of the human mind, and the prejudices of the uninformed, excited public attention and employed the talents of the censorious — will render their memories dear to the Brethren, and rank them with the Benefactors of Mankind.

With the attention and fidelity of the four survivors you are well acquainted. Often have you seen them engaged in promoting the cause of virtue, and diffusing the principles of this Ancient Fraternity to all around them. From the spot where I now stand they have frequently called upon you, to the exercise of those duties on which the generous mind delights to contemplate; and their continuance in office, by repeated elections, 'till the laws of the Grand Lodge obliged them to retire, is a better evidence of their acceptable services, than in any encomiums it is in my power to bestow.

To sweeten the bitter cup of misfortune and enlarge the sphere of social happiness, has engaged the attention of the philanthropist from the most remote antiquity, and among the various means of effecting these Godlike purposes the Masonic Institution has the earliest and most distinguished rank. Coeval with human weakness, and the disobedience of man to divine Authority, its doctrines and precepts, embracing the principles of Brotherly affection, candor and charity and its laws and ceremonies founded in allegories and the emblems of operative Masonry, like the symbols and hieroglyphics of the priests of Egypt, Greece and Rome in later times, which were intelligible only to their Brethren, have been transmitted inviolate through successive ages and different nations to the present period.

Sixty-four years have elapsed since the introduction of Free Masonry into North America by the formation of a Grand Lodge in Boston; a fountain from whence the Streams have been numerous and extensive. Within this period charters have been granted for the Creation of two Lodges in Vermont; five in New Hampshire, one in Pennsylvania, one in Maryland, two in Rhode Island, thirteen in Connecticut, one in New York, one in Virginia, one in North Carolina, one in South Carolina, one in Lower Canada, one in the late American Army, two in Nova Scotia, one in Newfoundland, and four in the West Indies, and

fifty-six in Massachusetts. Of these last, forty-three still retain their commissioned authority, and are considered by the present Regulations as within the immediate control of this Grand Lodge; and thirty-two were represented here at our last Quarterly Communication.

By this statement it is very apparent that the members of our fraternity in this metropolis have been no less assiduous in vindicating its forms and diffusing its principles than the citizens in general, for their early and distinguished exertions, in the cause of civil and religious freedom; and that the flourishing state of the Craft, within this Jurisdiction, is not exceeded by any similar establishment of which we have any historical information.

The political division of the world into kingdoms, states and empires have been long considered as the boundaries of regular Masonic authority; and the largest cities in such divisions have been generally designated as the seat of the Grand Lodges; and it is obvious that this establishment is best calculated to accommodate the Brethren and enable the Lodges to communicate and correspond with convenience and punctuality.

Grand Lodges are now recognized in each of the United States except Delaware, which I am told is at present connected with the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and Tennessee, from whence I have obtained no information. These several Grand Lodges, independent in their powers and prerogatives and warranted in their proceedings by the practice of Ancient Masons in all former ages, have diffused the ceremonies of the Institution in their respective Jurisdictions, and a regular intercourse with each other, and with the Grand Lodges in foreign countries enables the whole to preserve the ancient landmarks of our fathers and cement the bonds of friendship. For, says our Illustrious Grand Master of old, "as iron sharpeneth iron, so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friends."

The important designs and essential duties of a Grand Lodge are so well understood by this assembly and are so fully expressed in our Constitution and Laws, that it is needless to be particular on these interesting subjects, on this occasion. It only

requires a uniform practice of what we know, and a regular and impartial conduct in all our measures, to confirm our present prosperity and display to the world the wisdom of our united endeavors, the strength of our virtuous resolutions and the beauty of our social interviews.

I find by a cursory review of our records, that there are several matters of consequence under the considerations of committees, which, I doubt not, will be speedily and carefully attended to; particularly the sentiments contained in an address from the Right Worshipful Past Grand Master, at the last Quarterly Communication.

Three years have elapsed since I last had the honor of holding an office in the Grand Lodge, and, unambitious of any further preferment, I have beheld with pleasure, from the background of the picture every successful attempt to beautify its appearance or increase its usefulness; still should I have been happy in that situation; but called by your kind and unsolicited suffrages to fill this chair and influenced by the opinion of some valued friends, I engage with a firm reliance on your candor and assistance. The duties assigned me, so far as my abilities and my necessary avocations will allow, I shall attend with punctuality, but some inconveniences will probably result from my not residing in Boston, and my professional employments may sometimes prevent my presence in the Grand Lodge. I have, therefore, to request that when I do not attend the meeting, in half an hour from the time affixed, you will consider me as necessarily absent, and that the business may commence, under the direction of the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, with whose merits and attention you are well acquainted; or in his absence the next officer present qualified as the Regulations provide.

It is by the enaction of prudent and equal laws, and the faithful attention of officers appointed to administer them, that all societies are governed with convenience and advantage. A regular attendance of the members of the Grand Lodge will produce a laudable emulation in those who now occupy the places they once filled, and a continued punctuality in the officers and representatives of the respective Lodges will always contribute to their

honor and respectability, for, "Whoso keepeth the fig-tree shall eat the fruit thereof," and "he that waiteth on his master shall be honored."

This also is the figurative language of inspiration, peculiar to its venerable author, who, by the exercise of prudence, wisdom and philanthropy, unequalled in the history of man, was enabled to connect operative and speculative Masonry and render them subservient to the purposes of convenience and morality; to erect Lodges; to distinguish and reward the merits of the different Craftsmen; and to instruct them "to subdue their passions, act upon the square, keep a tongue of good report, maintain secrecy and practice charity."

These, my respected Brethren, are the magnificent columns which support this ancient and extensive edifice, which,—as the pillar of stone erected by Enoch,* to preserve the arts and sciences, escaped the universal deluge,—will remain unshaken until the sacred temples, the splendid palaces and the sculptured monuments of human invention are buried in universal ruin; and until the Grand Master and the Entered Apprentice, who have done worthily, undistinguished by any other jewel, than the badge of Virtue, will stand on a perfect level in the regions of everlasting bliss.

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

*Vide Josephus.

A Special Meeting of Grand Lodge held at Concert Hall, the 17th of January, 5798.

Present.

M.W.	Josiah Bartlett	Grand Master.
R.W.	Samuel Dunn	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	Joseph Laughton	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	William Little	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W.	Thomas Dennie	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	Daniel Oliver	Grand Secretary.
W.	John Boyle	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	Samuel W. Hunt	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Rev. Bro.	Thaddeus M. Harris	Grand Chaplain.
Bro.	Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
Bro.	Amos Lincoln	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro.	John Raymond	Grand Standard Bearer.
Bro.	Thomas Chase	Junior Grand Steward.

R.W.	John Cutler.	Bro.	John Rittenhouse.
"	John Brazer.	"	James Eaton.
"	Jona. Maynard.	"	Daniel Jackson.
"	Joseph Churchill.	"	Shubael Bell.
"	Simeon Pratt.	"	Edward Holden.
"	Oliver Holden.	"	Oliver Chapin.
"	Paul Revere, Jr.	"	Nath'l Weld.
W.	Charles Moore.	"	David Goodwin.
"	Allen Crocker.	"	Abel Barrett.
"	Richard Salter.	"	Thowas O. Larkin.

A communication received from the M.W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut was read and ordered to be put on file.

R.W. Edward Holden was admitted as proxy for Union Lodge of Dorchester.

Brother Thomas Chase and Abijah Wyman admitted proxies for Trinity Lodge.

A petition from Bristol Lodge was read and refer'd to the next meeting.

A petition from Thos. Farrington with an acc't for services render'd was read. Voted, That the Grand Treasurer settle with s'd Farrington out of the Funds of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That the vote passed in September last appointing a committee to revise the Book of Constitutions be reconsidered.

The committee, appointed to take into consideration the recommendations delivered in the Address by the M.W. Paul Revere, Esq'r, to the Grand Lodge, reported, which report was taken by paragraphs.

VOTED, Firstly, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given, in the warmest terms, to the late M.W. Grand Master, for his active and important services in the Chair of Solomon — an office which he filled with the highest honor to himself, with eminent advantage to this Grand Lodge and with a zeal which included the best interests of Freemasonry. That in this tribute of gratitude for his exertions, we congratulate him on the success of his measures to conciliate the several Lodges in the State to the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a circumstance indicative of that harmony and affectionate alliance which ought ever to be the genuine characteristics, and are the true honor of the Craft; and that we rejoice with him in the fraternal correspondence, commenced between this and the several Grand Lodges in America and Europe, with earnest hopes that it may be cultivated and continued. To this latter intent,

VOTED, Secondly, That a respectable committee of Correspondence be appointed to receive all letters, communications, etc., and to prepare answers to be laid before the Grand Lodge for their consideration and sanction at their Quarterly Communications, and that said committee seek to obtain all Masonic information which may tend to the benefit or aggrandizement of this Grand Lodge.

VOTED, Thirdly, That a committee be appointed to draw up Regulations for the disposal of Charity; and for the profitable and worthy appropriation of the funds of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, Fourthly, That a plate be procured for the purpose of granting certificates by the Grand Secretary, and that a committee be chosen to determine the form and procure the plate.

VOTED, Fifthly, That a new edition of the Book of Constitutions be published, as soon as may be.

PEREZ MORTON,
Per Order.

On motion, VOTED, That the above report be accepted.

VOTED, That the Rev. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris, Grand Chaplain, be appointed to revise and correct and amend the Book of Constitutions with all convenient dispatch and prepare it for the press. That the R.Wor. Brothers J. Cutler, Paul Revere, Timothy Whiting, Isaiah Thomas and Rev. William Bentley be a committee to examine the copy, which, if approved by them, shall be published under the sanction of the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens.

VOTED, That Rev. Bro. Harris superintend the publication and shall be compensated for his services as the Grand Lodge shall direct.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed for the distribution of charity and the Rev. Bro. Harris, Samuel Dunn, Paul Revere, Esq., William Little and Benjamin Russell be appointed for that purpose.

VOTED, That the choice of a Committee of Correspondence be refer'd over to the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to procure a plate, for the purpose of granting certificates, etc., and the R.W. P. Revere, Isaiah Thomas and Rev. Brother Harris were appointed accordingly.

VOTED, That the Grand Master be empowered to appoint an assistant sec'y to attend the regular and special meetings of the Grand Lodge, and that he be compensated for his labors as the Grand Lodge shall direct.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, March 12th, A.L. 5798.

PRESENT.

M.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JOS. LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	WILLIAM LITTLE	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	THOMAS DENNIE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
R.W.	EDWARD HOLDEN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	JOHN RAYMOND	Grand Steward.
Bro.	WILLIAM MAREAN	2d Grand Steward.
Bro.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro.	AMOS. LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	JOHN CUTLER	Past Grand Master.
"	THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain.
"	ISRAEL THOMAS	Past Senior Grand Warden.

R.W.	WILLIAM BENTLEY.	R.W.	JOS. CHURCHILL.
"	ABIJAH LUCE.	"	SIMEON PRATT.
"	WOODBURY STORER.	"	JONA. GAGE.
"	ISAAC HURD.	Bro.	SAMUEL PARKMAN.
Bro.	ALLEN CROCKER.	"	EDMUND BOWMAN.
"	SAMUEL W. HUNT.	"	ALEX'R ORROK.
"	MUNRO.	"	ABIJAH WYMAN.
"	PAUL REVERE, JR.	"	SHUBAEL BELL.
"	PHILIP DRAPER.	"	CHARLES MOORE.
"	MOSES THOMAS.	"	PHINEAS WILLINGTON.
"	MOSES HUNNEMAN.	"	WILLIAM LEWIS.
"	THOMAS O. LARKIN.	"	DANIEL SHAW.
"	ABEL BARRETT.	"	S. G. PARSONS.

The petition from Bristol Lodge, referred over to this meeting, was again taken up and VOTED, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

A petition received from Joseph Cordis and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Reading by the name of Mount Moriah, was read with the papers accompanying the same; whereupon, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be

granted. Brothers Cordis, Hart and Harvey being present, VOTED, To grant them a seat in Grand Lodge for the evening.

The petition received from Frank Weeks and others, and refer'd over to this meeting (to obtain suitable recommendations), was again taken up and found to be duly recommended; it was VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition received from Elias Withington and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Ashley, county of Middlesex, by the name of Social Lodge, was read by the Grand Secretary, with the papers accompanying the same, and being properly recommended, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A petition from William Windsor and others, praying for the establishment of a Lodge in the East parish of Rehoboth, county of Bristol, was read and VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A communication was received and read from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, and order'd to be placed on file.

VOTED, That the sum paid by the late Grand Master for postages of letters during his continuance in office be reimbursed to him.

A petition was received from the members of the late Harmonic Lodge, was read and committed to Brothers Dennie, Russell and A. Lincoln.

A certificate from Montgomery Lodge, at Franklin, appointing Brother Philip Draper their proxy, was read and accepted.

The committee appointed to examine the Book of Constitutions, presented by the Grand Chaplain, reported, which report was accepted.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the services of Rev. Brother Harris, and to make him such compensation as they may think proper. The committee were: M.W. Paul Revere, Reverend Brother Bentley (of Salem) and Allen Crocker.

VOTED, That the same committee confer with Bro. I. Thomas to know what consideration he would make to Brother Harris for the improvement of the intended edition of the Book of Con-

stitutions. The committee having retired, agreeably to the desire of the Grand Lodge, returned and reported as follows:—

The committee for the compensation to Brother Thad's M. Harris for his services in revising the Book of Constitutions, considering the importance of his labors, and having confer'd with Bro. I. Thomas, printer of the work, do find that the said Brother Thomas will give to the said Bro. Harris for the advantages of the new impression the amount of one hundred copies handsomely bound and ready for sale. And they judge that for his services the Grand Lodge are obliged to give the said Brother Harris at least the sum of three hundred dollars. And if the funds will not immediately afford such, or a greater sum, we recommend that the assistance and concurrence of the Lodges be asked and that in a manner most agreeable to them.

PAUL REVERE,
ALLEN CROCKER, } Committee.
WILLIAM BENTLEY,

This report was accepted.

VOTED, That the Resolution pass'd in September last, be so far suspended as the same applies to St. Andrew's Lodge, to be discussed at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That the choice of a Committee of Correspondence be refer'd to the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of			
Union	Lodge,	by Bro. Holden	$10 00
Corinthian	do.	by their Master	6 50
Saint Peter's	do.	by do.	23 00
Hiram	do.	by do.	3 50
Rising States	do.	by do.	2 00
Montgomery	do.	by Bro. Draper	4 00
Washington	do.	by their Master	2 00
Columbian	do.	by do.	2 00
The sum paid Grand Treasurer, per acct.			$53 00

N.B.—27 dollars for Charitable purposes.
26 " " Quarterages.
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The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

A SPECIAL LODGE, 24th March, 5798, at Concert Hall.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
W. SAMUEL PARKMAN	Junior Grand Warden.
W. THOMAS DENNIE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. WILLIAM MAREAN . .	Grand Steward.
Bro. AMOS. LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	R.W. LEMUEL NEWCOMB.

A petition received from Wm. Lyman and others, from Northampton, county of Hampshire, was read. On motion, VOTED, The petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary take a copy of the petition from Wm Lyman and others.

A communication from Adams Lodge was refer'd over to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

Brother Lyman paid the expenses of the Grand Lodge this evening.

COMMUNICATIONS.

	dollars.
Received of Adams Lodge, by Brother Newcomb.....	15
Cash paid Grand Treasurer	15

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

SAMUEL W. HUNT,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

GRAND LODGE assembled on the 11th of June, A.L. 5798, at Concert Hall.

PRESENT.

M.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	THOMAS EDWARDS	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	THOMAS DENNIE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
	ALLEN CROCKER	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
	SAMUEL W. HUNT	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	NATHANIEL WELD	Grand Stewards.
"	SAMUEL WITHINGTON, 3d.	Grand Stewards.
	BENJ'A RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Rev. & W.	THAD. M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain.
R.W.	SETH SMITH, JR.	Master Bristol Lodge.
"	DAVID HOWE	Master Hancock Lodge.
"	ISAAC HURD	Master Corinthian Lodge.
"	SIMEON PRATT	Master Washington Lodge.
"	WILLIAM MUNROE	Master Hiram Lodge.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Master Columbian Lodge.
"	JOHN BRAZER	Master Rising States Lodge.
"	OLIVER HOLDEN	Master King Solomon's Lodge.
"	JOHN HART	Master Mount Moriah Lodge.

Worshipfl.	SIMON ELLIOT.	Bro.	MOSES HARRIMAN.
"	BENJ. COOLIDGE.	"	PHINEHAS WILLINGTON.
"	PAUL REVERE, JR.	"	CHARLES JACKSON.
Bro.	DANIEL JACKSON.	"	THOMAS CHASE.
"	NATH'L JOHNSON.	"	JOHN MAYNARD.
"	THOMAS O. LARKIN.	"	ALEXANDER ORROK.
"	WILLIAM LEWIS.	"	EDMUND BOWMAN.
"	JAMES TEMPLE.	"	ABIJAH WYMAN.
"	ABEL BARRETT.	"	EDWARD HOLDEN.

CHARLES MOORE.

The communication from Adams Lodge, refer'd over to this meeting, was taken up, read and ordered on file.

A communication from Grand Lodge of Maryland was read and ordered to be put on file.

The resolutions passed in September last, so far as respects St. Andrew's Lodge and refer'd over to this meeting, were again taken up and on motion, VOTED, That the further consideration of the same be refer'd over to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

The choice of a Committee of Correspondence, refer'd over to this meeting, was acted upon and the M.W. J. Bartlett, R.W. Brothers Samuel Dunn, Paul Revere, Thaddeus M. Harris and Perez Morton were appointed the committee accordingly.

The committee appointed to make report on the petition of John Doyle and others, members of the Lodge called Harmonic Lodge, reported the following, vizt: That Bro. Robert Newman deliver to the Treasurer of the Grand Lodge all the jewels of the said late Harmonic Lodge he may have in his possession, to be kept at the disposal of the Grand Lodge; and further that said Newman deliver to such committee of the members forming heretofore the said Harmonic Lodge, all the funds, monies, etc., he may have in his possession, belonging to such members on that committee, producing a true record attested by the late Secretary of such late Lodge, of a vote therefor of a majority of said late members, to the satisfaction of a committee of the Grand Lodge.

The committee further report that before the said funds be delivered up to said committee, the seal of the late Harmonic Lodge shall be delivered to the Grand Treasurer.

Per order, THOMAS DENNIE,

Chairman.

Report accepted.

The committee appointed to draw up regulations for the disposal of Charity, produced a report, and certain regulations, which were accepted, and VOTED, That they be printed in the Book of Constitutions.

A petition from Seth Paddelford and others, with the papers accompanying the same, was read, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Taunton, county of Bristol, by the name of King David Lodge, and found to be duly recommended, it was VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Bro. Abijah Wyman took his seat as proxy for Social Lodge. Brother Allen Crocker for Eastern Star Lodge.

Returns were made from Meridian, Corinthian and Cincinnatus Lodges.

VOTED, That the following address be presented to the President of the United States to be signed by the M.W. Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Wardens and the Grand Secretary, vizt:

To the President of the United States.

SIR:

Flattery and a discussion of political opinions are inconsistent with the principles of this Ancient Fraternity. But while we are bound to cultivate benevolence, and extend the arm of charity to our Brethren of every clime, we feel the strongest obligations to support the civil authority which protects us, and when the illiberal attacks of a foreign Enthusiast, aided by the unfounded prejudices of his followers, are tending to embarrass the public mind, with respect to the real views of our society, we think it our duty to join in full concert with our fellow-citizens, in expressions of gratitude to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for endowing you with that wisdom, patriotic firmness and integrity, which has characterized your public conduct.

While the independence of our country and the operation of just and equal laws have contributed to enlarge the sphere of human happiness, we rejoice that our Masonic Brethren, throughout the United States, have discovered by their conduct a zeal to promote the public welfare, and that many of them have been conspicuous for their talents and unwearied exertions.

Among these your venerable predecessor is the most illustrious example, and the memory of our beloved Warren, who from the chair of this Grand Lodge has often urged the members to the exercise of patriotism and philanthropy, and who sealed his principles with his blood, shall ever animate us to a laudable imitation of his virtues.

Sincerely we deprecate the calamities of war, and have fervently wished success to every endeavor to the preservation of peace. But, Sir, if we disregard the blessings of liberty, we are unworthy to enjoy them.

In vain have our statesmen labored in their public assemblies and by their midnight tapers; in vain have our mountains and valleys been stained with the blood of our heroes, if we want firmness to repel the assaults of every presumptuous invader. And while as citizens of a free Republic we engage our utmost exertions in the cause of our country and offer our services to protect the fair inheritance of our ancestors, as Masons we will cultivate the precepts of our Institution and alleviate the miseries of all, who, by the fortune of war or the ordinary occurrences of life, are the proper objects of our attention.

Long may you continue a patron of the useful art and an ornament of the present generation. May you finish your public labors with an approving conscience and be gathered to the sepulchre of your co-patriots with the benedictions of your country-men. And, finally, may you be admitted to that Celestial Temple where all national distinctions are lost in undissembled friendship and universal peace.

JOSIAH BARTLETT, *Grand Master.*
SAMUEL DUNN, D'y Grand Master.
WILLIAM LITTLE, } Grand Wardens.
JOSEPH LAUGHTON, }

Attest:
DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of

Meridian	Lodge,	by Brother Weld	$9 50
Washington	do.	by their Master	2 00
Mount Moriah	do.	by do.	2 00
King Solomon	do.	by do.	2 00
Cincinnatus	do.	by Bro. Edwards	12 50
Hancock	do.	by their Master	6 00
Kennebec	do.	by M.W. P. Revere	20 00
Eastern Star	do.	by Bro. Allen Crocker	2 00
Columbian	do.	by their Master	2 00
Corinthian	do.	by do.	9 50
Maine	do.	by Bro. Caswell	2 00
Rising States	do.	by Bro. Lincoln	2 00
			$71 50

This amount paid Bro. Thomas Dennie, the Grand Treasurer, per his receipt.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, Concert Hall, September 10th, 5798.

PRESENT.

M.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	THOMAS DENNIE	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
	SIMEON PRATT	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
"	WILLIAM ALLYNE	Grand Stewards.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	JAMES MANN	Master Montgomery Lodge.

Bro. HARRYMAN. Bro. PHIN'S WITHINGTON.
" JOHN MEACHUM. " ANDREW BLACKMAN.
" ALEXANDER ORROK. " SAMUEL BREWER.

Bro. JAMES BROWN.

The business respecting St. Andrew's Lodge, refer'd over to this meeting, was again resumed and refer'd to the next meeting.

A petition received from John Shaw, Jun., and others, with the recommendations attending the same, were read, and VOTED, To refer them over to the next meeting. (The petition was for a charter at Hardwick.)

Brother Samuel Brewer was admitted proxy for Harmony Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to determine what societies, and to whom, the new Book of Constitutions shall be presented and what number of books belong to the Grand Lodge; that the same committee be requested to draft a form of a letter to be sent to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, to be laid before the Lodge for approbation. The Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, R.W. Thomas Dennie and the Secretary were appointed accordingly.

Returns were received from Massachusetts and Meridian Lodges and read.

VOTED, That the answer, to the address of this Grand Lodge to the President of the United States, be recorded in the Grand Lodge Book of Records.

Here follows the Address:

ADDRESS.

To the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

GENTLEMEN:

As I never had the honor to be one of your Ancient Fraternity, I feel myself under the greater obligation to you for this respectful and affectionate address.

Many of my best friends have been Masons, and two of them my professional patrons — the learned Gridley and my intimate friend, your immortal Warren — whose life and death were lessons and examples of patriotism and philanthropy — were Grand Masters. Yet, it so happens, that I never had the felicity to be initiated. Such examples as these, and a greater still in my venerable predecessor, would have been sufficient to have induced me to hold the institution and the fraternity in esteem and honor, as favorable to the support of civil authority, if I had not known their love to the fine arts, their delight in hospitality and devotion to humanity. Your indulgent opinion of my conduct and your benevolent wishes for the fortunate termination of my public labors have my sincere thanks.

The public engagements of your utmost exertions in the cause of your country and the offer of your services to protect the fair inheritance of your ancestors are proofs that you are not chargeable with those designs, the imputations of which, in other parts of the world, has embarrassed the public mind with respect to the real views of your society.

Signed, JOHN ADAMS.

Philadelphia, 22d June, 1798.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of			£	s.	d.
Montgomery Lodge	by their Master	.....	1	4	0
Washington do.	by do.	.....	0	12	0
Meridian do.	by Bro. Meachum	.....	1	4	0
Hiram do.	by Bro. Brown	.....	1	4	0
			£4	4	0
			$14.00		

The Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 10th December, A.L. 5798.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
W. THOMAS DENNIE	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Grand Deacons.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR.	Grand Deacons.
W. WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
W. J. W. RAYMOND	Grand Stewards.
Bro. AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Sword Bearer.

R.W. PAUL REVERE.	Bro. THOMAS HEALD.
" JOHN BRAZER.	" THOMAS O. LARKIN.
" ISAIAH THOMAS.	" DAVID GOODWIN, JR.
" WILLIAM MUNROE.	" HEZEKIAH FISK.
" JOHN HART.	" ALEXANDER ORROK.
" OLIVER HOLDEN.	" TIMOTHY WHITING, JUN.
" SIMEON PRATT.	" SHUBAEL BELL.
" WILLIAM SCOLLAY.	" PHINEHAS WITHINGTON.
W. SIMON ELLIOT.	" JOHN HAY.
R.W. JOSEPH CHURCHILL.	" AMOS BORDMAN.
W. RICHARD SALTER.	" JOHN WEBB.
Bro. ENOCH BALDWIN.	" JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.
" SAMUEL BROWN.	" JOHN RITTENHOUSE.
" ABIJAH WYMAN.	" SAMUEL W. HUNT.
" NATH'L JOHNSON.	" WILLIAM ALLYNE.
" NORTON BRAILSFORD.	" SAMUEL HAYDEN.
" OLIVER HOLDEN.	" OLIVER CHAPIN.

The Grand Lodge being opened in DUE FORM, the business respecting St. Andrew's Lodge, referred to this meeting, was again taken up and VOTED, To refer the subject to the next Quarterly Communication.

The petition from John Shaw and others, referred over to this meeting, was read and VOTED, That the subject be referred over to the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, At the request of the M.W. Grand Master, that he be discharged from any committees on which he may be and the vacancies, if necessary, may be filled.

VOTED, That the Jewels, Furniture, Regalia and all other articles belonging to the Grand Lodge shall be deposited with the Grand Treasurer, subject to the control of the Grand Master, agreeably to the Constitutions.

VOTED, That a committee be raised to consider the state of Masonry in this Commonwealth; to report their opinion of the expediency of erecting more Lodges, and, if expedient, in what part of the State it is proper to establish them, and that all petitions for new Lodges remain on file 'till such report is made. R.W. Brothers S. Dunn, Paul Revere, T. M. Harris, Thomas Dennie, William Scollay, Isaiah Thomas, T. Whiting and J. Brazer were appointed a committee accordingly.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the plan proposed for erecting a public building, for public uses, etc., that they be empowered to take in behalf of this Grand Lodge, shares not exceeding two, and the R.W. Brothers Dunn, Revere, Laughton, Brazer and Dennie were appointed accordingly.

VOTED, That a committee be appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and the following Bro's were accordingly appointed and accepted: R.W. Brothers J. Boyle, A. Crocker, J. Brazer.

A petition from John Blake and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Orrington was read and VOTED, To refer the same to the next Quarterly Meeting.

A letter received from Bro. John Coles, together with a protest against the proceedings of Columbian Lodge, was read and committed to the Rt. Worshipful Bros. Revere, Thomas, Dunn, Laughton and Dennie, to take into consideration the letter and protest; to hear the parties and make report at the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, That the proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the year past be printed and sent to the several Lodges in this Jurisdiction, under the inspection of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

This being the evening appointed by the Constitution for the choice of officers for the year ensuing, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot accordingly. The following Brethren were ap-

pointed to collect, count and sort the votes: Wfl. Allen Crocker, Timothy Whiting and John Boyle.

It appeared that the M.W. Josiah Bartlett was unanimously re-elected Grand Master. A ballot was then taken for a Senior Grand Warden. The R.W. Joseph Laughton was unanimously re-elected. A ballot was taken for a Junior Grand Warden and the Rt. Worshipful William Little was unanimously re-elected. Brother Little not being present a committee was appointed to wait on him and inform him of his re-election, who returned for answer, that it was inexpedient for him to accept the honor conferred upon him by the Grand Lodge. Another ballot was taken for a Junior Grand Warden, when it appeared that W. John Boyle was elected.

A ballot was then taken for a Grand Treasurer when it appeared that the W. Thomas Dennie was unanimously re-elected. Bro. Dennie declining to serve, another ballot was taken when it appeared that Bro. Allen Crocker was unanimously chosen. A ballot was taken for Grand Secretary when Bro. Daniel Oliver was chosen.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the R.W. Samuel Dunn, Deputy Grand Master; Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, Grand Chaplain; Bro. Amos Lincoln, Senior Grand Deacon; Brother Joseph Churchill, Junior Grand Deacon; Bro. Benj. Russell, Grand Marshal; Bro. Amariah Childs, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. William Lewis, Ass't Grand Secretary; Bro. William Marean, S. Grand Steward; Bro. John Raymond, Junior Grand Steward; Bro. George Geyer, Grand Tyler, and likewise to invest them severally with their respective jewels.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of Social Lodge,	Bro. Wyman	$8	50
of Mount Moriah,	by their Master	4	00
of Thomas Lodge,	by Bro. Fisk	14	00
of Trinity do.	by Bro. Whiting	11	50
of Rising States do.	by Bro. Lincoln	4	00
of Union do.	by Bro. Holden	4	00
of Hiram do.	by their Master	2	00
of Washington do.	by do.	2	00
		$50	00

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, on the evening of 11th March, A.L. 5799.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . .	Grand Master.
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN HART	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER . .	Grand Secretary.
" WILLIAM LEWIS . . .	Deputy Grand Secretary.
Rev. & W. THADS. M. HARRIS . .	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. AMOS LINCOLN . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
" DAVID GOODWIN . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
" WILLIAM MAREAN .	Senior Grand Steward.
" JOHN RAYMOND . .	Junior Grand Steward.
" AMARIAH CHILD . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
" GEORGE GEYER . . .	Grand Tyler.
R.W. ELISHA STORER.	Master of Philanthropic Lodge.
R.W. WILLIAM MUNROE.	Master of Hiram Lodge.
R.W. SIMEON PRATT.	Master of Washington Lodge.

W. SIMON ELLIOT.	W. TIMOTHY JONES.
" PAUL REVERE, JUNIOR.	" DANIEL JACKSON.
" JAMES BROWN.	" JNO. W. CHECKLEY.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.	" LEWIS WHEATON.
" ABIJAH WYMAN.	" JOHN CHANDLER.
" EDMUND LEWIS.	" ENOCH BALDWIN.
" RICHARD WHELLEN.	" NATH'L JOHNSON.
" NATH'L WELD.	" ALEXANDER ORROK.

Wfl. STEPHEN HALE.

The Grand Lodge being opened in DUE FORM, the proceedings of the last meeting were read by direction of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

The subject of St. Andrew's Lodge was again taken up and again referred.

A petition received from Abraham Capen and others, of Stoughton, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town, was read, with papers annexed, and VOTED, To refer the same to the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to receive and put on the files of this Grand Lodge all the petitions for charters for new Lodges and that they be numbered in rotation.

N.B. This vote should have succeeded the next following.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of erecting new Lodges within this Commonwealth reported, that after seriously examining the state of Masonry within this Jurisdiction, it is fully their opinion that there be no more charters granted for new Lodges for two years from this date, which report was unanimously accepted.

VOTED, As the sense of this Grand Lodge that the 12th Article of the 10th Section of the Constitutions, respecting the recommendation of candidates from the Brethren within five miles of his place of residence should be construed as relating to the character of the candidates.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the plan proposed for erecting a public building for public uses, etc., reported that they had taken two shares in behalf of the Grand Lodge, which report was accepted.

The committee, appointed to take into consideration the letter, etc., received from John Coles and others, against the proceedings of Columbian Lodge, reported, that the dispute was amicably settled.

VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to carry into effect the resolve, respecting the compensation to be made to the Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris for revising and publishing the new Book of Constitutions.

Brother Richard Whellen was admitted proxy for Marine Lodge.

Brother Daniel Oliver was likewise for St. Peter's Lodge.

The committee, appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary for the year past, reported, that they had attended that service and find them both right cast and well vouched, and that there remained in the hands of the late Grand Treasurer, at the time of settlement, two hundred dollars and eighty-three cents, which he has since paid to Bro. Allen Crocker, the present Grand Treasurer. The

committee further report, that they have, agreeably to former usage, allowed the Grand Secretary twenty-five dollars as a compensation for his services for the year past; that there remained in his hands at the time of settlement, one hundred and seventeen dollars, 67 cents, in favor of Grand Lodge, which he paid to the Grand Treasurer.

JOHN BOYLE, Per Order.

A communication was received from the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island and ordered to be placed on file; also from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Returns were received this evening from Meridian, Hiram, Mt. Moriah, St. John's, Social, Eastern Star and Philanthropic Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Rec'd of Mt. Moriah	Lodge,	.....	$33 50	
of Social	do.	.....	3 00	
of Meridian	do.	.....	9 00	
of Hiram	do.	.....	17 50	
of Eastern Star	do.	.....	17 00	
of King Solomon	do.	.....	4 00	
of Marine	do.	.....	8 00	
of Rising States	do.	.....	2 00	
of Washington	do.	.....	2 00	96 dollars.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 10th of June, A.L. 5799.

PRESENT.

M.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
W.	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	WILL'M LEWIS	Deputy Grand Secretary.
"	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
"	AMARIAH CHILD	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Steward.
"	ENOCH BALDWIN	Junior Grand Steward, *pro tem.*

R.W. PEREZ MORTON.
" JOHN BRAZER.
" SIMEON PRATT.
" JOHN HART.
" JOHN FOLSOM.
" ISAAC HURD.
" ISAAC BRAZER.
" WILLIAM MUNRO.
" WOODBURY STORER.
Bro. ABIJAH RICHARDSON.
ABEL BARRETT.
SAMUEL BREWER.
EDW'D HOLDEN.
JNO. RITTENHOUSE.
ABIJAH WYMAN.

Bro. DANIEL JACKSON.
BENJ. COOLIDGE.
JNO. W. CHECKLEY.
JAMES BROWN.
THOMAS BABBITT.
RICHARD WHELLEN.
LEM. FOSTER.
JOHN LAMSON.
MOSES HARRINGTON.
PHINEHAS WITHINGTON.
OLIVER POPE.
W. THOMAS EDWARDS.
" PAUL REVERE, JR.
" AMASA STETSON.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM, and the proceedings of the last meeting were read by the Secretary.

The subject of St. Andrew's Lodge was again taken up and again refer'd over to the next meeting.

VOTED, That R.W. Brothers S. Dunn, Perez Morton, Jos. Laughton, John W. Folsom, Isaiah Thomas, Thomas Edwards and Benj. Russell be a committee to take into consideration the

subject of erecting new Lodges within this Jurisdiction, the expediency of reconsidering the vote on that subject passed the last Quarterly Communication; to fix the prices for all Lodges within this Jurisdiction for initiation, passing and raising Master Masons; and to consider the state of Masonry at large, within the Commonwealth; to suggest whatever they may think conducive to the interest of the Craft, and to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication in December next.

The letter received from King Solomon Lodge in Perfection was read and committed to Brothers Laughton, Crocker and Lincoln, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication. (Papers dl'd Com.)

The petition received from Fayette Lodge praying for liberty to meet annually by rotation at Charleton, Sturbridge and Dudley, was read and VOTED, The prayer of the petitioners be granted, during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

R.W. John Folsom informed the Grand Lodge that David Fitzgerald and others, who had been made Masons in a clandestine manner, have since been made, crafted and raised in a regular constituted Lodge, and prayed to be admitted to visit Lodges.

VOTED, That R.W. Paul Revere, Esq., Jno. Brazer and Paul Revere, Jr., be a committee to consider the expediency of purchasing for the use of the Grand Lodge the Jewel presented by Brother Jackson.

Returns were received this evening from Mount Moriah, Republican, Corinthian, Cincinnatus and Washington Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from	Mt. Moriah Lodge	by their Master	$10 00
	Corinthian do.	Bro. Barrett	11 00
	Republican do.	Bro. Foster	17 50
	Cincinnatus do.	Bro. Edwards	10 50
	Washington do.	by their Master	6 50
			$55 50

23.50 charitable uses.
32.00 quarterages.

$55.50 paid Bro. Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer, per receipt.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, Concert Hall, on the evening of the 9th September, A.L. 5799.

PRESENT.

R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W.	JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	JOHN BRAZER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	JOHN RAYMOND	Senior Grand Steward.
"	ENOCH BALDWIN	Junior Grand Steward.

R.W.	OLIVER HOLDEN.		W. PAUL REVERE, JR.
"	JNO. HART.	"	AMOS BORDMAN.
"	SIMEON PRATT.	"	JAMES DUPEE.
"	JNO. W. FOLSOM.	"	MOSES HARRIMAN.
"	ABIJAH WYMAN.	"	MOSES THOMAS.
Bro.	JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.	"	DAVID GOODWIN.
"	AMOS WINDSHIP.	"	JOHN W. CHECKLEY.
"	ALEX'R ORROK.	Bro.	SHUBAEL BELL.
"	SAMUEL BREWER.	"	WILLIAM ALLYNE.

Grand Lodge being opened in DUE FORM, the proceedings of the last meeting were read and the Lodges called over.

The business of St. Andrew's was again taken up and refer'd over to the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee appointed to act on the letter received from the King Solomon Lodge in Perfection reported partially and refer'd over to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

A letter received from M.W. Josiah Bartlett accompanying his letter of resignation was read, and on motion, VOTED, That the R.W. Brothers Dunn, Laughton, Boyle, Crocker, Harris, Brazer and Russell be a committee to draft and present an answer to the letter received and return him the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his eminent services while in the Chair of Solomon.

A letter accompanying a petition from Peter Sminck and others, was read and committed to the R.Wfl. Brothers J.

Brazer, J. W. Folsom and Simeon Pratt to call on John Perkins and others, together with the Grand Treasurer, to examine the property of the late Harmonic Lodge, and to make report of their doings at the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That there be a committee of three appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, and the R.W. Brothers Jno. Brazer, Boyle and Holden were appointed accordingly.

The committee appointed to purchase the jewel for the use of the Grand Lodge, presented by the R.W. Bro. Jackson, reported that it was inexpedient to purchase the same, which report was accepted.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of North and South Carolina, read and ordered to be put on file.

A Return was made from Mount Moriah Lodge.

COMMUNICATIONS.

From Mount Moriah Lodge,	.....	$2 50
" Washington do.	.....	2 00
" Rising States do.	.....	2 00
Paid Grand Treasurer	.....	$6 50

$6 dollars Quarterages.
50 Charity.

$6 50

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 9th of December, 5799.

PRESENT.

R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	In the Chair.
"	JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
"	JOHN BRAZIER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
	WILLIAM LEWIS	Deputy Grand Secretary.
Rev.	THAD. M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain.
W.	AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W.	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
"	AMARIAH CHILD	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro.	WILLIAM MAREAN	Grand Stewards.
"	JNO. RAYMOND	
	GEORGE GUYER	Grand Tyler.

R.W.	PAUL REVERE.	Bro.	SAMUEL BREWER.
"	JOSIAH BARTLETT.	"	BENJ. COOLIDGE.
"	PEREZ MORTON.	"	ROBERT GARDNER.
"	TIMOTHY WHITING.	"	SAMUEL W. HUNT.
"	OLIVER HOLDEN.	"	DARIUS HARVEY.
"	JNO. HART.	"	JAMES BROWN.
"	WILLIAM MUNROE.	"	EBEN'R H. PHILLIPS.
"	BENJ. CHAMPNEY.	"	JNO. GOODWIN.
"	JNO. W. FOLSOM.	"	THOS. O. LARKIN.
W.	PAUL REVERE, JR.	"	JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.
"	AMASA STETSON.	"	JAMES DAVENPORT.
"	AMOS BORDMAN.	"	EDMUND M. BAXTER.
"	MICHAEL NEWHALL.	"	ABEL BARRETT.
"	ENOCH BALDWIN.	"	EDMUND BOWMAN.
"	CALVIN EATON.	"	ALEXANDER ORROK.

The business respecting St. Andrew's Lodge was taken up this evening and acted upon. On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to confer with that Lodge on the propriety of their acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, a measure which we think, at this particular time, highly essential to the

fair reputation of the Masonic character in the opinion of our country. And the R.W.'s John Warren, John Cutler, Paul Revere, Josiah Bartlett, Perez Morton, Timothy Whiting and the Rev'd Thad's M. Harris were appointed accordingly. Also, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary transmit a copy of this vote to the Master of St. Andrew's Lodge.

The committee appointed to draft and present an answer to the letter of resignation received from Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Grand Master, reported, and on motion, VOTED, That the letter together with the answer be recorded in the Grand Lodge Book of Records. They follow.

To the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

BRETHREN:

I regret that my professional concerns must prevent my attendance at the Quarterly Communication this evening, but I beg leave to remark, that when at the meeting preceeding the last election of Grand Officers, I declined being considered a candidate for the chair, it was from a full conviction, arising from experience, that my necessary avocations would prevent a faithful performance of the duties required; and nothing, my respected Brethren, but your unmerited partiality, the unanimity of your solicitations and the peculiar state of Masonry at that time, could have induced me to secede from a determination so deliberately formed.

It is highly proper at all times that the merits and pretentions of candidates, for the principal offices of the Grand Lodge, should be fully considered; and the permanent Regulations, that after three years' services they shall return to a level with their Brethren, is wisely calculated to promote those free and mutual consultations and decisions which the interests of the Institution may require.

As the period will soon revolve when you will be called to the important duty, and as it is of the greatest consequence that unanimity should prevail, as no consideration could induce me to continue in office the period for which I am eligible, and as a vacation of the Chair will suitably engage the attention of the Brethren, I have thought best, after the most serious delibera-

tion, to resign the Seat of the Grand Master, and from this time to relinquish the care of office and responsibility.

While in this decision, I can review with satisfaction the purity of my own intentions, I am happy in reflecting that the present officers of the Grand Lodge are, from long experience and a thorough knowledge of its concerns, so amply qualified to discharge their respective duties.

The publication of the late edition of the Book of Constitutions is among the most important transactions of the Grand Lodge while I had the honor to preside. Its compilation reflects great credit on our Rev'd Brother, the Grand Chaplain, and, so far as I have been able to obtain information, this work is considered by the Brethren and others as more useful and satisfactory than anything of the kind that has appeared in this country.

It is to be wished that some method may be adopted to promote its general circulation, and I would recommend to your immediate attention, that every Lodge within this Jurisdiction, the different Grand Lodges in the United States and elsewhere with whom we correspond, and every society in the Commonwealth which possesses a library, should be furnished with a copy.

I have frequently been called to attend the ceremony of constituting new Lodges, and installing their officers. This, in conformity to a method adopted a few years since, has been done in public and undoubtedly tends to display the real views of our Society. But how far it is calculated to benefit the Institution, I am at a loss, after the most critical examination, to determine.

The magistrates, officers, and most respectable inhabitants of both sexes, in every place and its vicinity (and with great satisfaction I have noticed the presence and approbation of a large proportion of the Reverend Clergy), have attended on these occasions, which has unquestionably operated to remove any prejudicing of the candid and well informed; but I am also induced to believe that it has caused applications to multiply the Lodges; that it has encouraged initiations merely from curiosity, and, of course, may eventually lessen the usefulness and respecta-

bility of the Fraternity. Your late resolution, to establish no new Lodges for two years, was, in my opinion, founded in good policy and sound judgment.

The visitations of the different Lodges, to examine their records and proceedings, agreeably to the Laws of Grand Lodge, I have considered our indispensable duty, and so far as possible have attended with pleasure, especially on such as have not been visited for a long time. But, in some instances where from the distance and other local circumstances it has been thought advisable, a member of the Grand Lodge has been appointed and commissioned for the purpose, and I am of opinion that a practice of this kind, in cases where the Grand Master cannot attend, would be best calculated to prevent innovations and preserve the ancient ceremonies.

I have no official information to communicate respecting the treasury of the Grand Lodge, nor have I ever known the state of the Grand Secretary's accounts; but by there having been no complaints, and from the fullest confidence in the attention and integrity of those whose business it is to manage these important departments, I conclude they have been satisfactorily conducted. If the sums assessed in the manner proposed have been paid by the different Lodges to the Fund of Charity, this subject now merits the attention of the Brethren whom the "Rules and Orders" have appointed to regulate it.

The general concerns of my office, such as occasional advice to the officers and members of the Lodges within the Jurisdiction; information to sojourning Brethren, directing to the proper means of obtaining relief, when necessary; the examination of communications, foreign and domestic, and causing them to be suitably replied to by the Grand Secretary, I have attended to, so far as my business w'd permit. All the papers I have received on Masonic subjects, with copies of the answers of such as required them, are filed in the Archives of the Grand Lodge. And the utensils and regalia are in the possession and care of the Grand Treasurer.

When I mentioned the peculiar state of Masonry at the time referred to, you must at once have determined that I alluded

to the late publications from Europe, purporting that our institution has been employed, among other means, to destroy all religious as well as civil establishments. This business, at that eventful period of our political concerns, could not fail to excite the attention of considerate minds, and the subject was publicly examined. But as the result has not apparently operated to the injury of our Society, and as the Lodges in this Commonwealth have been fully exculpated, even by the most zealous defenders of the publications, I cannot think it my duty to be particular on this occasion.

While the integrity and patriotism of our Brethren are daily recognized in every department of our Government, civil and military; while their piety and talents are respected in the pulpit, at the Bar and in all our literary and philanthropic societies, and while honesty and industry in the different walks of life are as conspicuous in them as in their fellow-citizens at large, they have little to fear in this enlightened country from the assertions or influence of foreign authors, however respectable their abilities or their characters, whose writings are better calculated for a national exigency than to produce conviction.

I cannot omit in my last official transaction to repeat to the Grand Lodge, and thro' them to the Fraternity at large, my most unfeigned acknowledgments for the various and unmerited tokens of their respect and confidence, during the thirteen years in which I have been repeatedly called to several of the most important offices, and the respectful and assiduous attention and assistance of the Grand Officers, on every occasion, in the honorable and responsible employment which I now resign, will ever be remembered with gratitude and affection.

The jewel of the Grand Master is transmitted with this letter to the Grand Secretary. I shall never forget the patriotism, the weight of character, the benevolence and fidelity of those who have worn it before me, and while I venerate the memory of the dead and respect the examples of the living, it will afford me the greatest happiness, even at a humble distance, to imitate their virtues.

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

CHARLESTOWN, Monday, 9th September, A.D., 1799.

To Josiah Bartlett, Esq.

Sir and Brother:

The committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, to whom was referr'd your communication of the 9th September last, have taken it into their most serious consideration.

Having for so long a period of time, and in a variety of situations, witnessed your attachment to the Fraternity and experienced your ability to defend its honor and reputation, when assailed by foreign influence, credulity and political zeal; they, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, most sensibly regret the imperious necessity which has compelled you to relinquish the cares and responsibility of the Craft. But while they are deprived of the hope that you will forego a determination so deliberately formed, they have the consolation that when your numerous and increased avocations will admit, that your friendship for the Craft will induce you to assist them with your labors in the future Communications of the Grand Lodge.

The important subjects you have recommended in your valedictory address will engage the early attention of the Grand Lodge, who will not fail to profit by the lessons of wisdom and experience therein communicated.

In discharging their duty, permit, Sir, the committee of the Grand Lodge to add their affectionate wishes that your life may be as honorable and happy as your services to the Craft have been eminent and beneficial.

Joseph Laughton,
John Boyle,
Allen Crocker,
Thad's M. Harris,
Benj. Russell,
} Committee.

Boston, 9th December, 1799.

The committee appointed to examine the property of the Harmonic Lodge, left by Jno. Perkins in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, reported, that they had attended that service and found a bond for fifty dollars and a note for ten dollars among the papers lodged by the said Perkins.

The committee appointed to report on the state of Masonry reported the following, which was accepted, vizt:

That the principles of the resolution of the Grand Lodge, passed at the Quarterly Communication held on the evening of 11th of March last, against incorporating any Lodge for the term of two years, be generally adhered to, but they recommend a dispensation of it so far that the petitioners from the town of Stoughton, for reasons set forth in the representation accompanying this report, be erected into a Lodge by the name of Rising Star Lodge, and that a charter be accordingly granted to them.

That it will be recommended, by the Grand Master, to all the Lodges, that, from and after the first day of January next, they respectively direct and order that the fees to be deposited in the funds of each Lodge, on the initiation of every person into the Craft, be fifteen dollars, and for every person raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason be five dollars, as by this uniformity the interests of Masonry will be essentially promoted. That the Grand Secretary be directed to communicate, as speedily as may be, under the direction and recommendation of the Grand Master, a copy of the foregoing resolutions to every Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Per Order,
PEREZ MORTON,
Chairman.

Letter from the Lodge at Holmes' Hole, Martha's Vineyard, appointing Paul Revere, Esq., their proxy, read and accepted.

A petition from William P. Whiting and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town [of] Randolph, was read and ordered to be placed on file.

A petition from Michael Newhall and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Leominster, was read and ordered on file.

On motion, VOTED, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, at this time, that in the election of Grand Officers the ballots shall be taken individually.

The committee, appointed on the letter received from King Solomon in Perfection Lodge, reported, which report was referr'd over to next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge.

The committee, appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, reported, that they had attended that service, that they found them right cast and well vouched and that there remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer thirty-six dollars and ninety-six cents, the property of the Grand Lodge; and one hundred and thirty-nine dollars, fifty cents for charitable uses.

The committee further report that they have, agreeably to former usages, allowed the Grand Secretary fifteen dollars for his services rendered the Grand Lodge for the three Quarters ending 9th of September, 5799.

JOHN BOYLE,
Chairman.

Which report was accepted.

On motion, VOTED, That, in future, the Grand Lodge, on the evening assigned by the Constitution for the choice of officers, will proceed to that business at 8 o'clock.

R.W. Brothers J. Bartlett, P. Morton and Thad's M. Harris were appointed a committee to explain to the Grand Lodge the principle on which, in future elections, the ballot for the Grand Officers shall be given.

This being the evening assigned by the Constitution for the choice of Grand Officers, the Grand Lodge proceeded to that business.

VOTED, To appoint a committee to collect, count and sort the votes, and the R.W. T. Whiting, W. B. Russell, and A. Crocker were selected.

A ballot being taken for a Grand Master, it appeared that the M.W. Sam'l Dunn was chosen. He not being present a committee was appointed to wait on him and inform him of his appointment. The committee proceeded accordingly and reported that they had waited on the Grand Master-Elect and that he accepted of the appointment.

A ballot was taken for a Senior Grand Warden and it appeared that R.W. Jno. Boyle was unanimously chosen.

A ballot was taken for a Junior Grand Warden when the R.W. Thad. M. Harris was chosen.

A ballot was taken for a Grand Treasurer and W. Allen Crocker was chosen.

A ballot was taken for a Grand Secretary and Brother Daniel Oliver was chosen.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed Most Worshipful Samuel Dunn, Esq., Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the year ensuing.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Lodge meet on the 17th instant, for the purpose of installing the Grand Master and the other Grand Officers elected.

Returns were received this evening from Mount Moriah, Trinity, Social, Union and Fayette Lodges.

Cash, received from	Mount Moriah	Lodge,	$5 50
"	Trinity	do.	14 00
"	Social	do.	12 00
"	Union	do.	10 50
"	Fayette	do.	12 50
"	King Solomon's	in Perfection, P. Revere	5 00
"	Rising States	do.	2 00
"	Corinthian	do.	4 00
"	King Hiram	do.	8 00
"	Columbian	do.	4 00
"	Thomas	do.	2 00
"	Hiram	do.	6 00
			$85 50

For Charity....$25 50
Quarterages.... 60 00

$85 50 paid Brother Crocker, per receipt.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE.

SPECIAL MEETING, at Concert Hall, the 17th December, 5799, for the purpose of Installation of Grand Officers, etc.

PRESENT.

R.W.	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master in the Chair.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	JOHN BOYLE	Junior Grand Warden.
W.	ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
"	WILLIAM LEWIS	Deputy Grand Secretary.
"	AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
"	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
"	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
"	AMARIAH CHILDS	Grand Sword Bearer.
"	JNO. RAYMOND	Senior Grand Steward.
"	WILLIAM MAREAN	Junior Grand Steward.
"	THADDEUS M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain.

R.W.	PAUL REVERE.	R.W.	JNO. HART.
"	MUNGO MACKEY.	W.	NATH'L WELD.
"	THOMAS DENNIE.	"	PAUL REVERE, JR.
"	SAMUEL PARKMAN.	"	SAM'L W. HUNT.
"	JOHN BRAZER.	"	SHUBAEL BELL.
"	OLIVER HOLDEN.	"	LEMUEL NEWCOMB.
"	SIMEON PRATT.	"	GEORGE BLAKE.

R.W. JOHN W. FOLSOM.

with 40 others, under this Jurisdiction.

A committee was appointed to introduce the Grand Master-Elect, consisting of Right Wor. Brothers M. Mackay, Brazer, Hart, Folsom and Hunt. They proceeded accordingly, attended by the Grand Deacons and Grand Marshal, being introduced into the Grand Lodge in DUE FORM. The Throne of Grace was addressed in prayer by the R.W. Grand Chaplain, Thaddeus M. Harris.

The special regulations of the Grand Lodge, together with the proceedings respecting the elections of the Grand Master and officers for the year ensuing, were read and declared as such by the Grand Master.

A procession was formed in Ample Order and paid due honors to the Most Wor. Grand Master.

The R.W. Josiah Bartlett, P. G. Master, after administering the oath attached to the office of Grand Master, invested him with his Jewel and placed him in the Chair of Solomon.

The M.W. Grand Master then invested the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary with their respective Jewels, also, appointed the R.W. Joseph Laughton, Deputy Grand Master; Rev. Bro. William Bentley, Grand Chaplain; Brother Amos Lincoln, S. Grand Deacon and Bro. Joseph Churchill, Junior Grand Deacon; W. Bro. Benj. Russell, Grand Marshal; Bro. Amariah Childs, Grand Sword Bearer; Bro. William Lewis, D. Grand Secretary; Bro. Jno. Edwards, Senior Grand Steward; Bro. John Risbrough, Junior Grand Steward; Brother George Geyer, Grand Tyler, and to invest them severally with their Jewels.

The Most Wor. Master was then pleased to address the Lodge in a fraternal manner.

The Grand Lodge, with past grand officers, visitors, proxies, etc., etc., then partook of a plenteous collation provided for the occasion, and several Masonic and convivial toasts were drank.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form.

Daniel Oliver,
Grand Secretary.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, 8th January, A.L. 5800.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Junior Grand Warden.
W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
Bro. WILLIAM LEWIS	Deputy Grand Secretary.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
" AMASA LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
" JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
" JNO. RISBROUGH	Grand Stewards.
" JNO. EDMUNDS	

R.W. PAUL REVERE, ESQ.	Bro. EDWARD HOLDEN.
" ISAIAH THOMAS.	" BENJ. COOLIDGE.
" THOMAS DENNIE.	" ALEXANDER ORROK.
" SIMON ELLIOT.	" NORTON BRAILSFORD.
" JNO. BRAZER.	" JOSEPH PIERCE.
" NATHANIEL WELD.	" DAVID GOODWIN.
Bro. PAUL REVERE, JUNIOR.	" SHUBAEL BELL.
" ENOCH BALDWIN.	" SAMUEL W. HUNT.
" THOMAS O. LARKIN.	" JOHN LAWSON.

The Grand Lodge being opened in DUE FORM, the M.W. Grand Master informed the Brethren that the occasion of his calling the Grand Lodge together was to take the sense of the Brethren, whether they would take a place in the procession proposed by the citizens of the town, in commemoration of the decease of our late Illustrious Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

VOTED, That the Grand Lodge will not attend the procession as above proposed, it being the sense of the Grand Lodge that it is inexpedient for them to attend as a Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That this Lodge will form a public funeral procession on the 11th day of February next, and invite all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge to join them on that day, and that the invitation extend to St. Andrew's Lodge.

VOTED, That a committee of eleven be appointed, whose duty it shall be to appoint some Brother to deliver a funeral oration or eulogium on the truly mournful occasion of the death of our Most Worthy and Illustrious Brother, George Washington, and to make such other arrangements as shall be necessary to the due solemnization of the day. The M.W. Grand Master, R.W. John Warren, P. G. M.; R.W. P. Revere, Past Grand Master; R.W. Josiah Bartlett, P. G. Master; R.W. Jos. Laughton, D'y G. Master; R.W. Isaiah Thomas, P. G'd Warden; R.W. Thomas Dennie, P. G. W., the R.W. S. Eliot, R.W. T. M. Harris, W. Allen Crocker and W. Bro. Benj. Russell were appointed accordingly.

VOTED, That a committee be raised to write a letter to the widow of our deceased Brother, Geo. Washington, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, condoling with her in her heavy affliction, and to request of her a lock of her deceased husband's hair, to be preserved in a Golden Urn, with the jewels and regalia of the Grand Lodge. The R.W. Brothers Warren, Revere and Bartlett, Past Grand Masters, were appointed for that purpose.

On motion, VOTED, That the Right Worshipful Brothers Warren, Revere and Bartlett be requested, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, to communicate to the several Grand Lodges in the United States, a letter of condolence, expressive of the irreparable loss the Fraternity at large have recently experienced in the decease of their distinguished Brother, GEORGE WASHINGTON.

The Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

FUNERAL OBSEQUIES,

of the Illustrious Brother George Washington, as solemnized by the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, 11th February, 5800.

Agreeably to previous notice, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts this day performed Masonic Funeral Services in honor of the Illustrious deceased Brother, George Washington. The tolling of the bells at 8 o'clock commenced the Ceremonies. At 11 o'clock a grand procession, composed of upwards of sixteen

hundred Brethren, was formed at the Old State House and moved from thence to the following order:

Two Grand Pursuivants

clad in sable robes and weeds, mounted on elegant white horses properly caparisoned, bearing an eliptical mourning arch (14 feet in the clear) with the sacred text in silver characters: *"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord for they do rest from their labors."* The Pursuivants were supported by two Continental veterans in uniform, with their badges of merit.

A Deputy Marshal,

nine stewards of Lodges, with wands suitably shrouded.
Two Tylers.
Entered Apprentices of all Lodges.
Fellow Crafts.
Master Masons.
A Deputy Marshal.
Stewards of Lodges, with Mourning Staves.
Deacons of Lodges with Mourning Wands.
Secretaries and Treasurers.
Junior and Past Junior Wardens.
Past Masters.
The Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, as Past Masters.
Masters of Lodges.
An Elderly Mason
bearing an elegant figure of Minerva on a banner,
Emblem, Wisdom.
Three times three Sons of Masons about 11 years of age, bearing sprigs of cassia, the centre supporting the banner of
Strength.
A Mason's son bearing a banner emblematical of
Beauty.
Nine daughters of Masons, each bearing a basket of flowers.
N.B. The sons and daughters were clad in funeral uniforms.
A Deputy Marshal.
A Full Band of Music.

The Masters of the three eldest Lodges, bearing three candlesticks with candles, the right one extinguished.

The Reverend Clergy of the Fraternity.

A Master Mason bearing a black cushion with the Holy Writings and a Grand Master's Jewel.

Eight Relieving Tylers.

Pall Supporters.

R.W. Bro. Wm. Scollay R.W. Bro. J. Bartlett R.W. Bro. Jno. Cutler	The Urn.	R.W. Perez Morton R.W. Paul Revere R.W. Jno. Warren.

THE FUNERAL INSIGNIA.

A pedestal covered with a Pall, the escutcheon of which were characteristic drawings, on satin, of Faith, Hope and Charity. The pedestal, beside the Urn, which was upwards of three feet in length, and which contained a relic of the Illustrious deceased, bore also a representation of the Genius of Masonry, weeping on the Urn, and other suitable emblems. The whole [was] of white marble composition. On the Urn was this inscription:

"Sacred to the Memory of Brother George Washington, raised to the All-perfect Lodge the 14th Dec., 5799."

"Ripe in years and full of Glory."

A Charger,

properly and superbly caparison'd, led by two Brethren.

Grand Marshal.

The Most Worshipful Sam'l Dunn, Grand Master,

as

Chief Mourner, attended by the Grand Deacons and G. Sw'd Bearer.

The Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Wardens.

Grand Chaplain and Orator.

Past Grand Officers.

Grand Treasurer and Secretary.

Three Grand Stewards,

bearing an Arch with this inscription:

"And their works, they do follow them."

The Grand Master, Pall Bearers and Grand Officers were dressed in full mourning, with white scarfs and weeds. Each Brother bore a sprig of cassia and every one wore an appropriate badge of mourning.

In this order the procession moved through several of the principal streets in town to the Old South Meeting House, where the solemnities [were begun] by an appropriate, fervent and judicious prayer by the Rev. Dr. Eckley. To this succeeded two odes, written by the Rev. Bro. Harris and sung by Bro. Dr. Fay and a choir of Brethren. An eulogy illustrative of the life, character, virtues and services of the glorious deceased was then deliver'd by the Hono'ble Bro. Timothy Bigelow, of Groton, which did justice to the subject and honor to the speaker. It contained a blaze of chaste portraits of the Illustrious Washington, drawn as a warrior, a statesman, a citizen, a Christian and a Mason and adorn'd with suitable improvements for direction.

The Grand Chaplain then pronounced a benediction and the solemnities of the hour were finished by a Masonic dirge, by the Rev. T. M. Harris, sung by Bro. Eaton and the choir. From the Old South the procession then moved to the Stone Chapel, where an appropriate funeral service was performed by the Rev. Bro. Bentley, Grand Chaplain, assisted by the Rev. Bro. Dr. Walker.

The flowers were then and the cassia deposited.

The Brethren then returned to the State House, unclothed and separated.

Funeral Honors at Oxford.

On Wednesday the 15th of February, A.L., 5800, funeral honors were paid by the troops stationed at Oxford, to the memory of their illustrious leader, General George Washington. At day-break 16 guns were fired from the left of the cantonment by a company of Worcester Artillery, commanded by Capt. Healey. At sun-rise another gun was fired, which was repeated every half hour during the day. At 11 o'clock the troops, having been formed, moved from their parade by plattoons, and

formed in the Main Street. A company of cavalry under the command of Capt. Kingsbury, formed on their left, the whole commanded by Major Walker of the Eleventh Regiment, and two companies of Artillery under the orders of Major Andrews on their right.

Thus formed, at 12 o'clock, the hearse covered with a black velvet pall, bearing an urn shrouded with black crape and accompanied with the pall-bearers, in mourning, and with white scarfs, was received by the troops with presented arms, the drums beating a march while it passed slowly in front to the left, the officers and colors saluting as it passed. From the left it was borne back to the centre, where it halted and received the salute of all the officers and colors as one. It was then removed to its place in the procession, which then moved by the left, in the order following, the music playing a dead march.

Company of Cavalry, Mounted.
16th, 15th and 14th Regiments of the United States Troops.
Artillery.
Band of Music.
Drums and Fifes of the Brigade.
Drums covered with crape and muffled.
Gentlemen of the Clergy.
Orator and officiating Clergyman,
with white scarfs.

BIER,

Captain Balch. Captain Tillinghast.

bearing the Urn covered as before-mentioned. A "W" in a gold cypher on the Urn, and a laurel wreath running from the base to the top in a spiral direction. The General's hat and sword placed at the head of the bier, which was borne by four Sergeant-Majors.

Major Jones. Major Lynde.

Major Winslow. Colonel Hunnewell.

General's Horse,
covered with black properly caparisoned, boots reversed, led by two servants in livery.
Colonel Rice, Commandant, as chief mourner with his appropriate staff.
Officers of the Army, with suitable badges of mourning.
Civil Staff of the Army.
Members of Society of Cincinnati and officers of the late Army.
Brethren of the Morning Star, Fayette, Meridian Sun and Olive Branch Lodges, in the following order, vizt:
Tyler with a drawn sword, hilt covered with black crape.
Two Tylers
Two Stewards, with white staves, the
top covered with black crape, tied with white ribbon with white and black tassels.
Brethren of the several Lodges.
Secretaries of the several Lodges,
with their Records covered with black crape.
Treasurers bearing their Charters, covered with Ditto.
Junior Wardens bearing their Columns covered with Ditto.
Senior Wardens ditto
Past Masters.
Three Master Masons walking triangularly with their large candlesticks covered with crape, lights extinguished.
Three Master Masons, walking triangularly, each bearing a staff, the head of which was covered with black crape ornamented with white silk cord and black and white tassels; on each staff hung a pendant of white silk, bordered with black; on the first pendant was written in ornamental characters "Wisdom," on the second "Strength," on the third, "Beauty."
Monumental Obelisk,
borne by four oldest Masons who were supported by four more. The obelisk and its pedestal were four and a half feet high, representing black marble. On the front of the obelisk was a bust of Gen. Washington, over it a motto, "He lives in our hearts," above the motto, the compasses and square, etc.; on the other side of the obelisk were represented, Faith, Hope and Charity and above them the corresponding Masonic emblems; the whole in bas-relief. On this pedestal was inscribed the General's

name, when born, when commander of the late Army, when President of Congress, etc., etc.

Two Master Masons

bearing a large silver urn, beautifully decorated with a wreath of evergreen, intermixed with flowers and a sprig of acacia in front.

Three Brethren

walking triangularly with large silver candlesticks without lights.

Tyler,

with his sword as before mentioned.

The Constitutions and Sacred Scriptures, on black cushion, etc., Borne by Two Past Masters.

Three Master Masons

(Masters of Lodges).

A Brother of the Royal Arch, bearing a silver urn,

Presiding Master, Isaiah Thomas Esq., P.S.G.D.

Two Deacons

Each with a black staff, the head covered with white crape, tied with a black ribbon, and black and white tassels.

Officers of the Militia.

Sheriffs

Justices of the Peace.

Gentlemen of the Bar and Physicians.

Other Citizens.

On the arrival of the procession at the meeting-house, the troops formed the line, opened their ranks and faced inward, resting upon the arms reversed. The procession passed through into the house, led by the clergy, the band playing a solemn dirge. The pulpit, communion table and galleries were wholly shrouded in black, the hearse being placed at the head of the broad aisle. The Brethren of the Society of Masons elevated the obelisk on the right of the hearse and on the left placed the Lights, silver urn, etc., on a large pedestal covered with black; during which, the band from the gallery continued to fill the house with solemn music.

Thus arranged, the Throne of Grace was addressed by the Rev. Mr. Austin, of Worcester, after which was another solemn dirge by the band.

A Eulogy was then pronounced by Capt. Josiah Dunham, of the 10th Regiment of the United States Infantry, in which he

strikingly portrayed the virtues and services of the late Commander-in-chief and observed justly, that five millions of people were with one voice expressing sorrow and grief at their loss. After the eulogy followed a solemn funeral dirge by the band, during which the Fraternity, in mournful silence and in proper order, deposited the large silver urn and raised the obelisk over it.

A short but solemn funeral service was performed by the Fraternity, which closed the solemnities in the meeting-house.

The procession was again formed, and left the meeting-house in the same order in which it arrived there, marching one mile in the Main street, which being very broad, straight and level, afforded to a numerous body of spectators, an opportunity of viewing the whole procession at once. During this time the bells, being muffled, tolled a solemn knell, and minute guns were fired by the Artillery.

On the arrival at the place of deposit, the troops again formed a line and resting on their arms reversed, the procession passed through, and the hearse, reaching its destined spot, the urn was deposited in the earth and the music again played a solemn dirge. The order of the President and of General Hamilton were read to the troops; a detachment of Infantry advanced and fired 3 vollies over the urn, after which the Masonic Brethren placed a monument over it.

The troops being again formed, the colors were unfurled and the drums unmuffled, the troops wheeled to the right by Plattoons. The President's march was played and they moved to their quarters and dismissed.

The Fraternity returned to their temporary Lodge, which was immediately closed.

The solemnities ended with the setting sun. The appearances and movements of the troups gave great satisfaction and bore honorable testimony of the military address and exertions of their officers.

The appropriate badges of mourning were worn by the Army, the Masonic Brethren and other citizens. The Masonic forms were solemn and impressive and a large collection of citizens, by their general deportment, evidenced that every heart was mournfully impressed by the death and every mind disposed to join in the tribute of grateful respect to the Columbian Patriot, Hero and Sage.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION on the evening of the 10th of March, A.L. 5800.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. WILLIAM LEWIS	Asst. Grand Secretary.
" AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOSEPH CHURCHILL .	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. BENJ. RUSSELL .	Grand Marshal.
" AMARIAH CHILD . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
" JOHN RISBROUGH .	1st Grand Steward.
" JNO. EDMUNDS	Senior Grand Steward.

R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING.	JAMES DAVENPORT.
" JOHN BRAZER.	ENOCH BALDWIN.
" JOHN YOUNG.	AMASA STETSON.
" OLIVER HOLDEN.	DANIEL BAXTER.
" JOHN HART.	OLIVER POPE.
W. WILLIAM DENNISON.	EDMUND BOWMAN.
" ABIJAH WYMAN.	ALEX'R ORROK.
" MICHAEL NEWHALL.	ABIJAH HARRINGTON.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.	EDWARD W. BAXTER.
" SAMUEL W. HUNT.	CALVIN EATON, Visitor.

The Grand Lodge was duly opened, and the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication were read.

A communication from St. Andrew's Lodge was presented, read and ordered to be put on file of the Grand Lodge.

A communication being received as above, VOTED, That the committee chosen at the last meeting, on the concerns of that Lodge, be discharged from the duty assigned them.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to notify the Secretary of St. Andrew's Lodge that their communication of the 10th February, A.L. 5800, has been duly received.

On motion, VOTED, That the third regulation passed at the Quarterly Communication in September, 1797, so far as it respects St. Andrew's Lodge, be suspended till the next Monday.

Bro. William Dennison was admitted proxy for Evening Star Lodge.

A petition from John Shaw and others was again read, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in Hardwick, Worcester County, which was granted.

On motion, VOTED, That the resolution on the 11th March last be so far dispensed with that a charter be granted to Jno. Shaw and others to hold a Lodge in the town of Hardwick, as above, by the name of Mount Zion Lodge.

VOTED, That all petitions for charters be committed to Bros. Harris, Brazer, Holden, Lincoln and Russell to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition from Peter Sminck and others received, read and ordered to be laid over to the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition from John Hathaway and others praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in town of Camden, was read and ordered on file.

A petition from Jno. Young and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Barnstable, was read and ordered on file.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Brothers Dunn, Laughton, Revere, Harris and Brazer be a committee to report, at the next Quarterly Communication, on a suitable place for the permanent deposit of the funeral insignia used at the procession on the 11th February last.

On motion, VOTED, That the same committee do procure the Golden Urn, contemplated by the vote passed at the special meeting held last January.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit, by mail, without loss of time, to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction, an account of its dues to the Grand Lodge, and to request the same may be paid at the next meeting, together with attested returns of all Masons made in such Lodge since its last return, and that the Grand Secretary report his proceedings, also, at the next Quarterly meeting.

VOTED, That all further proceedings be referr'd over to the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of Rising States Lodge, Bro. Lincoln	$2	00
of Thomas Lodge	2	00
of Meridian Sun Lodge	10	00
of Mount Moriah Lodge,	7	50
of Bristol Lodge	20	00
of Mount Zion Lodge, by Calvin Eaton	20	00
Paid Grand Treasurer, per receipt	$61	50

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall on the evening of the 9th of June, A.L. 5800.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THADDEUS M. HARRIS .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . . .	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
" JOSEPH CHURCHILL .	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. JNO. RISBROUGH . . .	Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. JNO. EDMUNDS	Junior Grand Steward.

R.W. PAUL REVERE, ESQ.	Bro. LEMUEL GOODWIN.
" JON'A MAYNARD.	" DANIEL BAXTER.
" DAVID HOWE.	" ABNER MORSE.
" JNO. W. FOLSOM.	" JOHN BOWEN.
" JNO. BRAZER.	" OLIVER POPE.
" THOMAS DENNIE.	" BENJA. COOLIDGE.
" JOHN HART.	" PHIL. BRUCE.
Bro. WILLIAM MUNROE.	" ABIJAH WYMAN.

Bro. PAUL REVERE, JUNIOR.

The Grand Lodge was opened and the proceedings of the last evening read.

VOTED, That the business respecting St. Andrew's Lodge be referred over to the meeting of this Grand Lodge in December next.

The committee to whom was referred all the petitions for new lodges and charters for the same, reported and asked leave of progress, which was granted.

The committee appointed to report on some suitable place for the deposit of the Urn and regalia used in the procession on the 11th of February last, reported the following, vizt: That as the R.Wf. Bro. Revere has received them into his house and kindly offered to take charge of them for the present, your committee would recommend that they be still confided to his care, in behalf of the Grand Lodge at their call when they shall choose to

place them elsewhere. Your committee further report that the procuring the Gold Urn is in great forwardness.

(Accepted).

SAMUEL DUNN,
Chairman.

A petition received from Peter Sminck and others, referred over to this meeting, was read and VOTED, That if all the members, that constituted the late Harmonic Lodge at the time their charter was vacated, prefer a petition to the Grand Lodge, they will then take it into their consideration.

A petition received from Franklin Lodge, praying for the privilege of said Lodge meeting one half of the year at Cheshire and the other half at Lanesboro', was read together with the letter received from Brother Egleston. And on motion, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted with this alteration, that they meet alternately three months at each place.

A commission appointing Bro. B. Russell proxy for Lincoln Lodge was read and accepted. A petition received from Jacob Brown and others and Jas. Fillebrown, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge, was ordered to be placed on the files of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That this Grand Lodge accept of the invitation from the Columbian Lodge, respecting the dedication of their new hall, etc.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Halifax and committed to the Committee of Correspondence.

Returns were received from Mount Moriah, Meridian, St. John's and Rising States Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received Cash			
of Hancock	Lodge,	by their Master	$8 00
of Meridian	do.	by do.	14 00
of Mt. Moriah	do.	by do.	4 00
of St. John	do.	by Bro. Dennie	51 50
of Rising States	do.	by Bro. Lincoln	44 50
of Social	do.	by Bro. Wyman	4 00
of Montgomery	do.	by Bro. Morse	2 00
of Rising Star	do.	by Bro. Billings	4 00
This amount paid Bro. Crocker, per receipt, Ds.			132 00

72 Dollars for Initiations.
60 Dollars for Charity.
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Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, at Concert Hall, being a Quarterly Communication on the evening of September 8, 5800.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
Bro. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro. JNO. RISBROUGH " JNO. EDMUNDS	Grand Stewards.

R.W. JOHN BRAZER.	W. ENOCH BALDWIN.
" JOHN HART.	" REUBEN BRYANT.
" JOHN STONE.	" BENJ. CAPEN.
W. JNO. D. DUNBAR.	" JOHN GOODWIN.
" EDWARD TURNER.	" EDWARD HOLDEN.
" PAUL REVERE, JUN'R.	" OLIVER POPE.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.	" JAMES DAVENPORT.
" ABIJAH WYMAN.	" JOSHUA HOOPER.
" AMOS THOMAS.	Bro. ALEXANDER ORROK.
" DAVID GOODWIN.	" SAMUEL BREWER.

Bro. SAMUEL DRUCE [DREWS].

The proceedings of Grand Lodge, last Communication, were read.

A petition received from Wm. Stephens and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Partridgefield, by the name of Sincerity Lodge, was read, with their recommendations and order'd to be placed on file.

Nathaniel Goodwin and others presented a petition to hold a Lodge in the town of Plymouth; was read and recommendatory papers, which was ordered to remain on file.

On motion, VOTED, That Rt. Wor. Brothers Laughton, Brazer and Russell be a committee to examine and settle the

Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts and to report at the next meeting.

The Committee of Correspondence made report on the letters received from the Grand Lodges of Pennsylvania and South Carolina and referr'd to the next Communication. (See Report.)

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary publish in the newspapers a Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held at Concert Hall on the 2d Monday of December next, at 3 o'clock, P. M.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Cash received from

Mount Moriah Lodge,	by their Master		$3 50
Meridian	do.	Bro. Wild	2 00
Republican	do.	Bro. Stone	12 00
Corinthian	do.	Bro. Bryant	6 00
Rising Star	do.	Bro. Capen	2 00
Montgomery	do.	Bro. Drew	2 00
Philanthropic	do.	Bro. Coolidge	12 00
Rising States	do.	Bro. Lincoln	2 00
Thomas	do.	Bro. Turner	43 50
			$85 00

30 Dollars, Quarterages.
55 Dollars, Charity.

$85 This sum paid Bro. Allen Crocker, per receipt.

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS specially met at Rehoboth, October 1st, A.L. 5800, to consecrate Eastern Star Lodge and to install its officers.

PRESENT.

R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. SETH PADELFORD	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. SAMUEL FALES	Grand Secretary.
Rev. BRO. JNO. CLARK	Grand Chaplain.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
" JAMES SPROUT	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JONA. INGLEY " ABIA INGLEY	Grand Stewards.
" JOHN JACKSON	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*

The Lodge being opened in DUE FORM, the Grand Lodge was escorted to the Baptist meeting-house, where the necessary business being transacted, the Grand Lodge procession was formed by the Grand Marshal, which proceeded to the Congregational meeting-house, where, after Rev. Bro. Clark had delivered an affectionate and appropriate discourse, the R.W. Bro. Boyle proceeded to the business of consecration, which was performed in public and agreeably to ancient Masonic usage. After the consecration he installed the following officers of Eastern Star Lodge, vizt:

R.W. ISAAC FOWLER	Master.
W. LEWIS WHEATON	Senior Warden.
W. BARNARD WHEELER	Junior Warden.
Bro. JOSEPH WHEATON	Treasurer.
Bro. EBENEZER SHORT	Secretary.
" ABRAM ORMSBY	Senior Deacon.
NATHAN PIDGE	Junior Deacon.
ROBERT PIERCE EBEN. CARPENTER	Stewards.
JAMES CROWELL	Tyler.

The usual proclamation being made, the Brethren returned in regular procession to the Baptist meeting-house, where they partook of a sumptuous dinner, which was succeeded by a round of toasts and some excellent Masonic songs from several of the Brethren.

The officers of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in their regalia, as also many Brethren of the Royal Arch Chapter of that state, assisted in the procession, and at the Feast.

Love, urbanity and the friendly converse of the Brotherhood were conspicuous through the day.

The Grand Lodge were very handsomely entertained during their continuance at Rehoboth by Brother Bulklin.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

(Signed) Samuel Fales,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, on the 8th of December, Anno Lucis, 5800.

PRESENT.

M.W.	SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W.	JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	JNO. BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	THAD'S M. HARRIS	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W.	ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro.	DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
Bro.	AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro.	JOSEPH CHURCHILL	Junior Grand Deacon.
W.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W.	AMARIAH CHILD	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	JNO. CUTLER	Past Grand Master.
"	PAUL REVERE	Past Grand Master.
"	JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
"	SAMUEL W. HUNT	Master St. John's Lodge.
"	ISAAC HURD	Master Corinthian Lodge.
"	JOHN HART	Master Mt. Moriah Lodge.
"	WILLIAM MUNROE	Master Hiram Lodge.
"	JAMES DAVENPORT	Master Union Lodge.
"	EBENEZER H. PHILLIPS	Master Fayette Lodge.
"	DANIEL STEBBINS	Master Jerusalem Lodge.
"	ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Warden.
"	TIMOTHY WHITING	Past Grand Warden.

W.	SHUBAEL BELL.	W.	EDWARD GOODWIN.
"	EDMUND BOWMAN.	"	OLIVER POPE.
"	AMASA STETSON.	"	THOMAS EMERSON.
"	DANIEL BAXTER.	"	JOHN WHEELWRIGHT.
"	EDWARD W. BAXTER	"	DAVID BACON.
"	A. ATHERTON.	"	BENJ. COOLIDGE
"	ABEL BARRETT.	"	ABIJAH WYMAN.
Bro.	ALEXANDER ORROK.	Bro.	JOHN WARDELL.
"	SAMUEL BREWER.	"	DAVID GOODWIN.

The Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM and the proceedings of the last evening were read by the Grand Secretary.

The communications from the Grand Lodges of South Carolina and Pennsylvania, read at the last meeting, were taken up, read and on motion, VOTED, That the Grand Lodge do not think it expedient to concur with the Grand Lodges above mentioned in the plan of a Federal or Superintending Grand Lodge or the calling of a convention for that purpose; and the Committee of Correspondence is directed, without delay, to communicate this determination to the Grand Lodge of South Carolina.

On motion, VOTED, That the Committee of Correspondence be directed to inform the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, as it respects the proposition of South Carolina, as an answer to their communication on the subject.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to return to the petitioners of the late Harmonic Lodge all the property belonging to it, except the Charter, Seal, and Book of Records.

The committee appointed to examine and settle the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretary, reported the following, which was accepted; vizt:

That they have attended [to] that duty and they find them rightly cast and well vouched; and that there is due to the Grand Treasurer seventy-nine dollars, thirty-four cents; and further that they have allowed the Grand Secretary, agreeably to former usages, twenty dollars for his attendance on the Grand Lodge, the four last Quarterly Communications, and the further sum of thirty dollars for extra services the year past.

JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
Chairman.

6th December, Anno Lucis 5800.

The R.W. Brothers Revere, Bartlett and Thomas appointed a committee to wait on the family of our deceased Bro. Walker and to enquire of them whether they desire the Grand Lodge to pay their respects to the remains of the deceased.

A vote of Trinity Lodge was read, appointing Bro. Moses Thomas and Abel Willard Atherton their proxies. Accepted.

Abijah Wyman was also admitted proxy for Social Lodge. Bro. James Vilas was admitted proxy for Meridian Lodge.

A petition received from Thomas Lodge, praying for permission to meet alternately in the towns of Brimfield and Monson, was read and on motion, VOTED, That it is inexpedient to grant the prayer of the petition.

A committee appointed to wait on the family of Rev. Bro. Walker, deceased, reported, on motion, VOTED, That this Grand Lodge attend the funeral of our late Brother Walker, Wednesday next, in Grand Procession.

This being the evening assigned by the Constitution for the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, the Grand Lodge proceeded to ballot accordingly.

A ballot being taken for a Grand Master, it appeared that the M.W. Samuel Dunn, Esq., was re-elected.

A ballot was taken for a Senior Grand Warden and R.W. John Boyle was re-elected.

R.W. Thad. M. Harris declined serving again as Junior Grand Warden, VOTED, unanimously, The thanks of Grand Lodge for his past services.

A ballot was taken for another in his stead. It appeared that Bro. Isaac Hurd was chosen and duly invested with his jewel.

A ballot being taken for a Grand Treasurer, Brother Allen Crocker was re-elected and invested.

A ballot was taken for a Grand Secretary, when Bro. Daniel Oliver was re-elected and duly invested with his jewel.

The Most Worshipful was then pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers, and to invest them severally with their respective jewels, viz:

R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
Rev. Bro. JNO. ELLIOT	Grand Chaplain.
W. AMOS LINCOLN .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR. . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL .	Grand Marshal.
Bro. EDWARD GOODWIN .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. AMARIAH CHILD . . .	Deputy Grand Secretary.
Bro. JOHN RISBROUGH . . .	1st Grand Steward.
Bro. JOHN EDMUNDS . .	2d Grand Steward.
Bro. GEORGE GEYER	Grand Tyler.

Returns were received this evening from the following Lodges, vizt: Mount Moriah, Corinthian, Trinity, Fayette, Jerusalem, Rising Star, Social, Union, St. John's and Rising States.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of

Rising States Lodge,	by	Bro. Lincoln	$6 00
Rising Star	do.	Bro. Harris	10 00
Hiram	do.	Bro. Munroe	9 00
Union	do.	Bro. Davenport	10 50
Trinity	do.	Bro. Atherton	11 00
Jerusalem	do.	Bro. Stebbins	42 50
Fayette	do.	Bro. Phillips	11 00
Mount Moriah	do.	Bro. Hart	4 50
Corinthian	do.	Bro. Barrett	9 50
Social	do.	Bro. Wyman	8 00
Thomas	do.	Bro. Gilman	2 00
Mount Zion	do.	Bro. S. Gilman	6 00
Paid to Grand Treasurer, per receipt			$130 00

The Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, held [at] Concert Hall, on the evening of the 9th March, A.L. 5801.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
" JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
" THOMAS DENNIE	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
" ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. DANIEL OLIVER	Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
" PAUL REVERE, JR.	Junior Grand Deacon.
" BENJAMIN RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro. EDWIN GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
" JOHN RISBROUGH	Grand Stewards.
" JNO. EDMUNDS	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
" ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Senior Warden.
" THOMAS EDWARDS	Past Grand Junior Warden.
" OLIVER HOLDEN	Master King Solomon Lodge.
" JOHN W. FOLSOM	Master Columbian Lodge.
" JOSEPH PIERCE	Master Meridian Lodge.

R.W. JOHN SOLEY.	W. DANIEL BAXTER.
W. DAVID GOODWIN.	" ISAAC DANA.
" BENJ. COOLIDGE.	" OLIVER POPE.
" WILLIAM BOND.	" EDWARD H. BAXTER.
" AMASA STETSON.	" JONA. WILLINGTON.
" THOMAS HEARD.	" DARIUS HARVEY.
" REUBEN BRYANT.	" ANDREW ADAMS.
" ABIJAH WYMAN.	Bro. ALEX. ORROK.

Bro. ISSACHAR STOWELL.

The Grand Lodge being opened, the Lodges were called and proceedings of the last evening read.

R.W. Brother A. Crocker reported, that in compliance with the vote of the Grand Lodge, he had delivered to the petitioners of the late Harmonic Lodge all their papers, etc., and in addition thereto, by consent of the Grand Master, the seal of their Lodge, as they wished to dispose of it with their jewels. The report was accepted.

The R.W. J. Bartlett, Benj. Russell and I. Thomas were appointed a committee to consider and report the most speedy and effectual method of answering communications, and transmitting the doings of the Grand Lodge with regularity and dispatch and reported the following, vizt: That at a meeting of the Grand Lodge, June 11, 5798, a Committee of Correspondence was appointed, who, from their local situation and their various avocations, can never perform the important duties assigned them. They are therefore of opinion that the said committee should be discharged, and beg leave to recommend that the following be adopted as a Standing Law of the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge shall, at their Annual Meeting in December, elect by ballot a Corresponding Grand Secretary who shall have a right to sit and vote in Grand Lodge, whose duty it shall be to answer all letters and communications agreeably to the orders of the Grand Lodge, also to receive from the Recording Grand Secretary and transmit as soon as may be to the Lodges within this jurisdiction, all orders, rules and proceedings which are directed to be communicated. He shall keep a record of his doings, and lay them before the Grand Lodge, annually, and at other times when required, and for his services shall receive the same compensation allowed to the Grand Secretary, who with his successors in office shall hereafter be stiled Recording Grand Secretary, to perform the duties at present assigned to the Grand Secretary.

The committee further report and recommend that the Grand Master shall appoint a Corresponding Grand Secretary to serve until the next choice of Grand Officers, and that from and after that time an Assistant Grand Secretary shall cease.

Voted, That the foregoing vote be accepted; that the Regulation be established as a Standing Law; and that the Grand Master be requested to appoint a Corresponding Grand Secretary for the current year.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the Rev. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris as Corresponding Grand Secretary.

Voted, That the Recording Grand Secretary be directed immediately to transmit to the Corresponding Grand Secretary a copy of the foregoing resolve, and all the papers, letters and

orders which are unanswered or to be transmitted to the Lodges within the Jurisdiction.

The petitions for charters for new Lodges, which have agreeably to a vote of Grand Lodge laid on file for two years last past, were taken up in their order.

The petition received from John Hathaway and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Camden, district of Maine, was read and on motion, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

VOTED, That all the petitions for charters for new Lodges be committed to a committee of seven to consider the propriety of granting the prayers of the petitioners, and make a report at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge. The R.W. Bros. Laughton, Crocker, Russell, Holden, Soley and Lincoln were appointed for that purpose.

The committee appointed to procure the Golden Urn reported; the Urn was then recommitted as before, to devise a suitable inscription and report [at] the next meeting.

A petition was received from Henry Fowle and others, praying for a charter for a Lodge to be holden in the town of Boston, with the recommendations accompanying the same, was read and committed.

Returns were made this evening from Columbian, King Hiram, Hiram, Mount Moriah, Cincinnatus, Republican and Saint John's Lodges.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Cash received of

King Hiram	Lodge,	Bro. Orrok	$20 00
Hiram	do.	their Master	2 00
Mount Moriah	do.	Bro. Pope	4 00
Rising States	do.	Bro. Lincoln	4 00
Rising Star	do.	Bro. Capen	2 00
Corinthian	do.	Bro. Heald	2 00
King Solomon	do.	By their Master	2 00
Union	do.	Bro. Baxter	2 00
Columbian	do.		9 50
Saint John's	do.	By Brother Dennie	9 50
Cincinnatus	do.		9 50
Paid Bro. A. Crocker, Grand Treas., per his receipt			$66 50

The Grand Lodge closed in DUE FORM.

DANIEL OLIVER,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, held at Concert Hall, on the evening of 8th June, 5801.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ISAAC HURD	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR. . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.
EDWARD GOODWIN .	Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN RISBROUGH .	Grand Steward.
JNO. EDMUNDS	2d Grand Steward.

And the representatives of the following Lodges, vizt: St. John's, Rising States, Portland, Massachuusetts, King Solomon, Essex, Hancock, Lincoln, Republican, Middlesex, Hiram, Columbian, King Hiram, Washington, Union, Harmony, Fellowship, Montgomery, Corinthian, Adams, Meridian, Social and Philanthropic.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM and proceeded to business.

Brother Daniel Oliver having resigned his office as Grand Secretary, on motion, a ballot was taken for that station, when it appeared that Brother John Proctor was chosen till the next choice of Grand Officers, and a committee consisting of R.W. Brother Russell and Brother A. Orrok were appointed to inform him of the choice.

The committee on the petitions for charters for the incorporation of Lodges made the following report, vizt: That the prayers of the petitioners for the following Lodges be granted. For a Lodge to be constituted at Boston, by the name of Mount Lebanon; at Plymouth, by the name of Fore Fathers' Rock; at

Barnstable, by the name of Fraternal Lodge; at Sunderland, the Pacific Lodge; at Leominster, the Aurora Lodge; at Eastport, the Eastern Lodge; and at Starbrock, Demarara, St. John's Lodge. And not having completed the object of their commission requested and had leave to sit again. Report accepted.

The proceedings of Montgomery Lodge, held at Franklin, April the 1st. ult., and afterwards by adjournment, on complaints entered against Bro. Oliver N. Pond, were read, discussed and approved. On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary notify every Lodge under this Jurisdiction of the state of its account as left by their late Secretary, Bro. Daniel Oliver, respecting returns and initiates, without delay.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. A. Crocker, R.W. Bro. Russell and Wor. Bro. A. Lincoln be a committee to wait on the late Grand Secretary to receive the books and papers of the Grand Lodge and deliver the same to Bro. J. Proctor, the newly elected Grand Secretary.

Returns were made from Essex, Republican, Mount Zion and Harmony Lodges and put on file.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from

Washington	Lodge, by	Bro. Bowen	$26 00
Harmony	do.	Bro. Brewer	45 00
Essex	do.	Bro. Hodges	30 00
Marine	do.	Bro. Whellen	2 00
Republican	do.	Bro. Foster	10 50
Mount Moriah	do.	Bro. O. Pope	2 00
Montgomery	do.	Bro. Drew	2 00
Hancock	do.	Bro. Howe	8 00
Mount Zion	do.	Bro. Eaton	15 00
Morning Star	do.	Bro. Thomas	58 20
			$198 70

The committee on charters reported in favor of Rural Lodge, at Rehoboth, which was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, on Monday, 14th Sept., A.L. 5801.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JNO. BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR.	Junior Grand Deacon
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
JOHN RISBROUGH	Grand Steward.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	Master Trinity Lodge.
R.W. SAM'L WELLS HUNT	Master St. John's Lodge.
R.W. WILLIAM MUNROE	Master Hiram Lodge.
R.W. JONA. MAYNARD	Master Middlesex Lodge.
R.W. ABIEL WOOD	Master Lincoln Lodge.
R.W. AMOS TURNER	
R.W. JOSEPH PIERCE	
ALEX'R ORROK	Past Master King Hiram Lodge.
R.W. JNO. HART	Master Mt. Moriah Lodge.

Also the representatives of the following Lodges, vizt: Aurora, Mt. Lebanon, Bristol, Rural, King Solomon, Meridian, Social, Rising Star, Fore Fathers' Rock, Amity, Washington, Rising States, Republican, Harmony and Philanthropic.

The following Brethren took their seats, being admitted as proxies suitably and constitutionally recommended, vizt: Bro. Samuel Stetson for Rising States Lodge, Boston; Bro. Francis J. Oliver for Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge, Plymouth; Bro. Thomas Chase for Republican Lodge, Bro. Barker for Mount Lebanon Do. Boston.

The committee of Grand Lodge, appointed to reconsider, improve and amend several Articles submitted to the consideration of the Grand Lodge at several of their late Communications, beg'd leave to present a report "For the better regulation of the

Lodges under the Jurisdiction; for the increase of the funds of the Grand Lodge; for the support of its dignity, for the extension of its energy, and for other valuable and important purposes." Whereupon, it was moved by the R.W. Brother Timothy Whiting and seconded by R.W. Bro. Hart, That the said report be printed and that the Grand Secretary be instructed, without delay, to communicate a copy thereof to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction for its information and guidance. Names of the committee, R.W. Bros. I. Thomas, Jos. Laughton, A. Lincoln, B. Russell, A. Crocker, O. Holden and Jno. Soley, Jr.

Returns were made from Mt. Lebanon and Meridian Lodges and filed.

The Most Wor. Grand Master was pleased to appoint Wednesday, the 21st of October next, for the constituting of Rising Star Lodge at Stoughton.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from	Mount Lebanon Lodge	$4 00
	Meridian do.	16 00
	Hiram do.	4 00
	Montgomery do.	2 00
	St. John's, Boston, balance of acct. to June, 1801	6 00
	Massachusetts in full	5 00
		$37 00

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

At the foregoing Quarterly Communication a committee was chosen to examine and report upon the Grand Treasurer's and the Grand Secretary's accounts. The committee consisted of the Brothers Laughton, J. Boyle and Amos Lincoln.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

RECORD

of the Installation of Rising Star Lodge at Stoughton, agreeably to the appointment of the M.W. Grand Master. The

Grand Lodge assembled at the hotel in Stoughton, in a spacious hall appointed for the occasion.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form by the members and officers of the Grand Lodge present, which consisted of the following Brethren, vizt:

M.W. Samuel Dunn	Grand Master.
R.W. Joseph Laughton	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Jno. Boyle	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Amos Lincoln	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. Jno. B. Hammatt W. Samuel Cazneau	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Bro. Joseph Revere	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Nathaniel Bird	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*
R.W. Paul Revere, Esq.	Grand Chaplain.

A committee of Rising Star Lodge waited upon the M.W. Grand Lodge to know the Grand Master's pleasure when to form a junction for procession. The appointed hour arrived. The Grand Lodge with the Rising Star Lodge, Masonically arranged by the R.W. Bro. Russell, Grand Marshal, and headed by a band of music, marched to Masons Hall, where the Grand Master was pleased to examine the By-Laws and Records of the R. S. Lodge, which were by him sanctioned and approved. The procession was again formed and moved with music, etc., to the meeting-house in Stoughton, where due preparation had been made for the reception of the Grand Lodge and for the solemnities of the day.

On a stage erected for the occasion the ceremonies of Constitution and Installation were publicly and solemnly performed agreeably to ancient usage.

Among a crowded assemblage of spectators were the magistrates and gentlemen and ladies of the town, a number of the venerable Clergy from several towns, strangers of distinction, etc., etc. Satisfaction glowed in every countenance and delight and pleasure crowned the solemn exercises.

The Grand Lodge, Rising Star Lodge and a large collection of Brethren from the neighboring Lodges repaired to Masons Hall and partook of a liberal and sumptuous entertainment, and the whole celebration and festivity ended in rational mirth and hilarity.

The Grand Lodge retired to their appointed apartment and was closed in Due Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing constitution of the Rising Star Lodge recorded by order of the M.W. Grand Master.

John Proctor,
G. S.

THE CONSTITUTING [OF] MOUNT LEBANON LODGE AND INSTALLING ITS OFFICERS at Masons Hall, November 23, 5801.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS DENNIE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. AMOS LINCOLN	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. THOMAS EDMUNDS	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOSEPH BILLINGS	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDW'D GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. BENJ. HAMMATT, JR.	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JAMES CUTLER	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

The ceremonies began by an anthem from a select choir of vocal and instrumental musicians.

Next succeeded a solemn address to the Supreme Architect by the Reverend Bro. Harris, Grand Chaplain.

The Most Worshipful S. Dunn was then pleased to examine the Records and Laws of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, which were approved and sanctioned by him.

The Grand Master then enter'd on the solemn duties of constituting Mount Lebanon Lodge and installing its officers, and with an appropriate charge invested the Master of the Lodge; and each officer was also properly invested with the badge of his office agreeably to ancient usage.

The Grand Secretary was directed and proclaimed as follows, vizt: "This Lodge regularly constituted, with Ample Powers by the name of Mount Lebanon Lodge, under the authority and government of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

An excellent address was delivered by the Most Wf. Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master, on the principles and duties of

Free-Masonry, which was received by the Brethren with pleasure and applause.

Solemn music was then performed and after a benediction by the Grand Chaplain the ceremonies of the evening were closed.

The two Lodges then moved in procession, arranged Masonically by the R.W. Grand Marshal, to Marean's Hall, where a table, plentifully cover'd with the bounties of Providence, entertained about one hundred Brethren and several of the Reverend Clergy, not of the Fraternity.

A number of toasts applicable to the occasion were given by the M.W. S. Dunn, through the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Lodge retired to another apartment and was closed in Ample Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION on the evening of the 14th December, A.L. 5801, at Concert Hall.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ISAAC HURD	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Grand Marshal.
W. AMOS LINCOLN . . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR. . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. JOHN RISBROUGH . .	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN EDMUNDS . . .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. GEORGE GUYER . . .	Grand Treasurer.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Warren, King Solomon, Lincoln, Hancock, Republican, Middlesex, Columbian, Union, King Hiram, Washington, Harmony, Thomas, Jerusalem, St. Peter's, Fellowship, Corinthian, Olive Branch, Meridian Sun, Hiram, Meridian, King Solomon in Perfection, Mt. Moriah, Social, Tuscan, Eastern Star, Philanthropic, Rising Star, Mount Zion, Aurora, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mount Lebanon and Rural.

The following Brethren took their seats as proxies, vizt:

JOHN JACKSON, JR.	Warren Lodge.
JONATHAN WILLINGTON . .	Sumner Lodge.
JOHN PROCTOR	King Solomon in Perfection.

On motion of Bro. Whiting, VOTED, That a committee of seven be added to the former committee of seven to take into farther consideration the important subject of the reports now before the Grand Lodge and communicate their sentiments at a meeting of the Grand Lodge tomorrow, the 15th inst., at this

place at 2 o'clk, P. M. The committee chosen were, the R.W. Brothers Whiting, Harris, Prescott, Bell, Bigelow, Hart and Dunbar.

VOTED, To accept the report of the committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts for the last year, they having sanctioned and approved the same.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Brothers Whiting, Bartlett and Russell be a committee to determine what compensation shall be made to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, and report at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, at the constitutional hour, proceeded to the choice of officers for the year ensuing, when it appear'd that all the Grand Officers of the past year were re-elected, except the Tyler, to which office Bro. Jno. Greene was appointed by the Grand Master.

A petition from the officers and members of Union Lodge, No. 1, at Nantucket, under a charter granted by the M. Worshipful John Rowe, former Grand Master, was prefer'd to this Grand Lodge for a union therewith by submitting to its Jurisdiction and also praying that their charter may be endorsed confirming the same. The merits and design of the same being fairly discussed and maturely considered, it was VOTED, unanimously, To grant the prayer of the petitioners.

VOTED, That this Grand Lodge meet the 15th instant at this place.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Petitions from Jacob Brown and others, for a charter to hold a Lodge at Topsham, county of Lincoln (United Lodge); also from Amos Brown and others to hold a Lodge at Duxbury, County of Plymouth, (Corner Stone Lodge) were granted this evening.

MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE by adjournment December 15th, A.L. 5801.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS EDWARDS	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JUN.	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JNO. RISBROUGH	Grand Steward.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro. JNO. GREEN	Grand Tyler.

There were forty-five Lodges represented this evening under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge.

The committee of fourteen, to whose consideration had been submitted the report of a former committee of seven, laid a new report before the Grand Lodge, which was taken up, Article by Article, and after a candid and fair discussion, was unanimously adopted as calculated to advance the dignity and interest of the Craft in general.

The report is as follows, vizt:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to take into consideration the report which has been transmitted to the several Lodges within this Jurisdiction, have examined the various objections which have been made to that report and, with a view to accommodate the wishes of the great body of the Craft, they now propose the following as a substitute to the former report.

ARTICLE 1ST.

All the Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, shall be formed into Districts to be denominated from the number of their order, in such manner that no Lodge shall be distant more than forty

miles from any other Lodge within the same District, excepting in that part of the Jurisdiction which is within the District of Maine.

ARTICLE 2ND.

There shall be a District Deputy Grand Master in and for each District, appointed annually by the Grand Master, whose duty it shall be to visit the several Lodges within his District *once,* at least, in every year, giving them timely notice thereof, and to communicate to each Lodge all such Edicts and Regulations as may be, from time to time, transmitted from the Grand Lodge; to receive all returns and monies required by the Grand Lodge, keeping an exact account thereof, and, annually, at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in December, to make out a correct list or return of the Lodges in his District, exhibiting thereon the names of all the Masons made in each Lodge, and deliver the same to the Grand Secretary together with all monies in his hands due to the Grand Lodge, and shall deliver to the Grand Treasurer a duplicate account of all monies by him paid to the Grand Secretary, together with all monies in his hands due to the Grand Lodge, which District return shall be recorded and filed by the Grand Secretary.

And such District Deputy Grand Master shall keep an account of his expenses in visiting his several Lodges and making returns as aforesaid, for which he shall be reimbursed from the Treasury of the Grand Lodge by order of the Grand Master.

ARTICLE 3D.

From and after the first day of January next, the price for making, Crafting and Raising Masons throughout this Jurisdiction shall not be less than eighteen dollars, including the payment hereafter to be made to the Grand Lodge—fifteen dollars of which shall be paid at Initiation, and not less than three at Crafting and Raising. And out of the sum of fifteen dollars paid at initiation, two dollars shall be paid for the use of the Grand Lodge. And the Master of every Lodge in each District shall cause a return to be made of all the Masons made in his Lodge from the second Monday of March next to the time

when the Assistant Grand Master shall visit his Lodge; and at the annual visit thereafter FOREVER, the same to be certified by the Secretary of the Lodge and delivered to the District Deputy Grand Master with two dollars for every initiation made in said return, together with all Quarterages then due from his Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

Article 4th.

The Grand Lodge shall cause to be provided a diploma, printed on parchment, with a device emblematical of, and suited to, the Genius and Design of Masonry, and purporting in a dignified simplicity of language, that the Bearer thereof (inserting the name) has been raised to the Sublime Degree of a Master Mason, in —— Lodge, of regular standing as appears by the records of the Parent Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The diploma shall bear the Seal of the Lodge in which the Brother was raised, or is a member, and shall be signed by the Master, Wardens and Secretary of said Lodge.

At the foot of the diploma shall appear a certificate, signed by the Grand Secretary, by order of the Grand Master, expressing the date of the charter of the Lodge unto whom it is intended to be issued, and that the same was regularly constituted and is under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

Article 5th.

The Grand Lodge shall cause to be provided a diploma with a suitable and appropriate device, purporting the regular election of a Master by a Lodge duly constituted under its Jurisdiction and recommending to the respectful notice, friendly aid and attention of all regular Lodges, Masters, and Past Masters throughout the World.

Article 6th.

That the Master of every Lodge, who shall cause his Lodge strictly to comply with the foregoing Regulations, respecting making returns, paying Quarterages and all fees, shall for his vigilance and fidelity be furnished by the Grand Secretary with a diploma of his office, *gratis,* and shall also be entitled to re-

ceive of the Grand Secretary, diplomas for each Mason, made, passed and raised in his Lodge agreeably to returns made thereof as aforesaid. The Grand Secretary shall supply each District Deputy Grand Master with a suitable number of diplomas whenever he shall apply, for which he shall be accountable when he shall make his returns in December; and for every diploma furnished to each individual, in advance of the foregoing Regulations, the applicant shall pay therefor seventy-five cents.

ARTICLE 7TH.

That all Past Masters, who have presided in any Lodge under this Jurisdiction, who have heretofore complied with the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and whose Lodges are not in arrears to the Grand Lodge, shall receive a diploma of the office of a Master of a Lodge, *gratis,* and all Past Masters, who have presided in Lodges now in arrears, which Lodges shall on or before the Quarterly Communication in December next pay up all their arrears to the Grand Lodge, shall also receive diplomas of their office, *gratis.*

ARTICLE 8TH.

That every Lodge which shall make a correct return of the names of each member of the Lodge and will transmit therewith to the Grand Secretary seventy-five cents for each member shall be furnished with a diploma for each member so returned.

ARTICLE 9TH.

The price of charters hereafter to be granted by the Grand Lodge shall be seventy-five dollars.

ARTICLE 10TH.

That the fee of fifty cents, now paid for every making, shall cease upon the adoption of the foregoing Regulations.

ARTICLE 11TH.

It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to transmit as soon as may be a correct copy of the foregoing Resolutions to

every Lodge within this Jurisdiction, as well as to every District Deputy Grand Master who shall be appointed pursuant to them; and from time instantly thereafter, upon the adoption of any Edicts or Regulations of the Grand Lodge, to forward without delay a correct copy of the same to the several District Deputy Grand Masters, that the same may be by them communicated to the several Lodges for the good of Masonry.

N. B. Every Lodge under this Jurisdiction being constitutionally obligated to attend all Quarterly Communications of the Grand Lodge either by its Master, Wardens or by proxy, the foregoing Regulations are not intended to supersede that duty.

A true copy.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of seven be appointed to assist the Most Worshipful Grand Master in districting the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction and informing of the geographical situation of the same. The appointed committee were R.W. Brothers Whiting, Thomas, Greenleaf, Russell, Dunbar, Hart and Reid.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of three, vizt: R.W. Brothers Crocker, Thad's M. Harris and Jno. Soley, be appointed as a Standing Committee to report from time to time at the Quarterly Communication to the Grand Lodge such alterations in their Laws and Regulations as shall be thought necessary to promote the interest of this Grand Lodge and the good of the Craft generally.

VOTED, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary be requested to write the officers and members of Republican Lodge at Greenfield of the impropriety of their conduct in admitting a Fellow-Craft to membership and to give directions respecting the Brother complained of.

On motion, VOTED, That all papers not yet acted upon be refer'd over to the next Quarterly Communication.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of	Mount Zion	Lodge, by	Bro. C. Eaton	$10 00
	Meridian Sun	do.	Bro. Reed	31 00
	Meridian	do.	Bro. Vila	3 50
	Thomas	do.	Bro. Blackfield	8 00
	Olive Branch	do.	Bro. Kinsley	55 50
	Trinity	do.	Initiates and Quarterages	14 00
	King Solomon in	Perfection,	Bro. Proctor	12 00
	Montgomery	Lodge,	Bro. Turner	2 00
	Mount Moriah	do.	Bro. Hart	6 50
				$142 50
	Aurora	do.	Bro. Hackett	6 00
	Rising States	do.	Bro. Lincoln	12 00
	Union	do.	Bro. Davenport	11 00
	Rising Star	do.	Bro. Capen	3 00
	Washington	do.	Bro. Brown	3 00
				$177 50

A petition from Nathaniel Ames and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in Dedham, County of Norfolk, by the name of Constellation, was granted this evening.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 8th March, 5802.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. ISAAC HURD	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR.	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. JOHN RISBROUGH	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN EDMUNDS	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

The following Lodges were duly represented this evening, viz: St. John's, Boston; Massachusetts, Rising States, Tyrian, Warren, King Solomon, Franklin, Middlesex, Columbian, Jerusalem, Bristol, Fellowship, King Solomon in Perfection, Philanthropic, Meridian, Montgomery, King Hiram, Marine, Social, Mount Lebanon, Sumner, Amity, Portland, Harmony and Hiram.

Bro. Abel Barrett admitted as proxy for Corinthian Lodge.

Brother Bond as proxy for Franklin Lodge.

Bro. Samuel W. Hunt for Union Lodge of Nantucket.

Bro. Thomas Adams for Amity Lodge.

Bro. Sam'l Parker for Jerusalem Lodge.

A petition from Union Lodge, Nantucket, praying that the name of that Lodge, lately designated by the Grand Master as No. 1, may be changed to No. 5, was granted.

VOTED, That the committee on certain papers of complaint from the Lodge at Holmes' Hole have leave to sit again.

A letter and petition from Columbian Lodge at Norwich, State of Connecticut, was presented, praying to be considered as under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That all the papers be committed to report thereon, as soon as may be; a committee was then chosen consisting of Bro. Allen Crocker, William Little and Thomas Edwards.

REPORT

On the petition of a number of Brethren of Columbian Lodge in the city of Norwich, in the State of Connecticut, under a charter from this Grand Lodge 5785, VOTED, That at the time the said charter was granted, there being no Grand Lodge in the State of Connecticut, this Lodge conceived they had a right to grant the same; and until the formation and establishment of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut we considered Columbian Lodge under our Jurisdiction. But since that time, conceiving according to our Rules and Regulations, our Jurisdiction is to be at an end, we considered them as being under the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, and have not therefore exercised any authority over them.

VOTED, unanimously, To accept the foregoing report and that the Grand Secretary write to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut and enclose the same to them.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of	Montgomery	Lodge, by	Bro. Morse	$2 00
	Middlesex	do.	Bro. Maynard	10 00
	Marine	do.	Bro. Whellen	4 00
	Corinthian	do.	their Master	6 00
	Rising States	do.	Bro. Lincoln	2 00
	Mount Lebanon	do.	Bro. Fowle	9 50
	Portland	do.	Bro. Storer	50 00
	Cincinnatus	do.	Bro. Edwards	11 00
	Amity	do.	Bro. Ulmer	13 00
	Jerusalem	do.	Bro. Proctor	12 00
	Meridian	do.	Bro. Vila	3 50
	King David's	do.	Bro. Crocker	20 00
	Social	do.	Bro. Wyman	11 00
	King Solomon in Perfection Lodge			6 00
				$160 00

The Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

AT A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 14th of June, A.L. 5802.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
W. SAM'L W. HUNT . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JNO. PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
W. PAUL REVERE, JUN. .	Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOHN EDMUNDS .	Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. JNO. GREEN . .	Grand Tyler.

The following Lodges were represented this evening; St. John's, Boston; Massachusetts, Rising States, Trinity, Old Colony, Hancock, Columbian, King Hiram, Fayette, Washington, Hiram, Corinthian, Meridian, Aurora, King Solomon in Perfection, Philanthropic, Mount Lebanon, Fore Fathers' Rock, Eastern, Union No. 5, Nantucket; Rural and Amity.

Thomas Reede was admitted proxy for Eastern Lodge.

Bro. Isaac Fuller was admitted proxy for Eastern Star Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Whiting prefer'd a petition from a number of Brethren in Athol, county of Worcester, for a charter to hold a lodge in that town till a regular petition and vouchers, which were accidently omitted to be brought forward, should be produced; which petition was admitted by the M.W. Grand Master, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue one, with full powers, till the second Monday in September next and no longer.

A petition, from a number of Brethren in the town of Pepperelboro, for a charter to hold a Lodge in that place, by the name of Saco Lodge, was granted this evening.

A petition, from a number of Brethren in the town of Haverhill, for a charter to hold a Lodge in that place, by name of Merrimack Lodge, was unanimously granted.

A letter was received from the Provincial Grand Lodge at Nova Scotia, soliciting assistance towards erecting and completing a building for the accommodation of Nova Scotia.

On motion, VOTED, That the Corresponding Grand Secretary be requested to draw up and transmit such an answer as the funds of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and the state of the Lodges under its Jurisdiction will justify.

A remonstrance from Essex Lodge, against a law passed by this Grand Lodge in December last, for the future regulation and government of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, was read, and on motion, VOTED, That the committee of fourteen, who reported that law, be appointed to take the said remonstrance into their consideration and report their opinion thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from	Hancock	Lodge, by	Bro. D. Howe	$15 00
	Rural	do.	Bro. Whiting	11 00
	Eastern Star	do.	Bro. Fowler	20 00
	Old Colony	do.	Bro. C. Turner, Jr.	70 00
	Fayette	do.	E. H. Phillips	25 50
	Marine	do.	Bro. Whellen	2 00
				$143 50
Deduct paid Grand Tyler				2 25
This sum paid Grand Treasurer, per rec't				$141 25

The Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, 13th September, A.L. 5802.

PRESENT.

M.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. PAUL REVERE, JR.	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JOHN EDMUNDS	Grand Steward.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

Also the representatives of St. John's, Rising States, Mount Lebanon, Mount Zion, Old Colony, Morning Star, Columbian, Fellowship, Corinthian, Meridian, Social, King Solomon in Perfection, Fore Fathers' Rock, Amity, Rural, Sumner and Corner Stone Lodges.

Two accounts — one from the designer, the other from the engraver of the Master's certificate — were exhibited by the Grand Treasurer, which being committed to the Right Wf. Brothers Boyle, Bowman and Russell, they reported in favor of their being passed and paid.

The report [was] accepted.

Brother Adams Bailey was admitted to a seat as proxy for Old Colony Lodge.

Brother B. Wales was admitted to a seat as proxy for Rural Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That Brothers Boyle, Bowman and Russell be a committee to examine the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary for the year past and report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion of Brother Russell, VOTED, That there be a public Festival at the Anniversary of St. John the Evangelist on the 27th day of December next.

The petition from Athol (to whom had been granted a Warrant, for reasons assigned by R.W. Bro. Whiting in June last) was presented as promised and a charter granted the petitioners for a Lodge by the name of Harris Lodge, to be held in that town, in the County of Worcester.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received of Corner Stone Lodge, by Bro. Patten		$6 00
Marine do. Bro. Whellen		2 00
Charter for Rising Virtue Lodge		71 00
		$79 00
Deduct paid Grand Tyler		2 00
		$77 00

A petition, from a number of Brethren for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Hampden, County of ....., by the name and title of Rising Virtue Lodge, was granted.

The committee on the remonstrance from Essex Lodge reported; the report was accepted and a copy filed.

Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge was held at Concert Hall, 13th of December, A.L. 5802.

Present.

M.W.	Samuel Dunn	Grand Master.
R.W.	Joseph Laughton	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	Jno. Boyle	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W.	Isaac Hurd	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W.	Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W.	John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
W.	A. Lincoln	1st Deacon.
W.	Paul Revere, Jr.	2nd Deacon.
R.W.	Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
W.	Edward Goodwin	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.	John Risbrough	Grand Stewards.
W.	John Edmunds	Grand Stewards.
Bro.	Jno. Green	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers, Vizt:

R.W.	Josiah Bartlett	Past Grand Master.
R.W.	William Scollay	Past Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.	Thomas Edwards	Past Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.	Timothy Whiting	Past Dist. Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	Isaiah Thomas	Past Grand Warden.

Also the following representatives of Lodges, vizt:

R.W.	Shubael Bell	Master St. John's Lodge.
"	Edmund Bowman	Master Rising States Lodge.
"	Stephen Howard	Master St. Peter's Lodge.
"	Jacob Fisher	Master Trinity Lodge.
"	Thomas O. Larkin	Master King Solomon Lodge.
"	Charles Turner, Jun.	Master Old Colony Lodge.
"	William Maynard	Master Middlesex Lodge.
"	James Davenport	Master Union Lodge.
"	William Bond	Master Meridian Lodge.
"	John Locke	Master Social Lodge.
"	Bro. Whiting	Master Rural Lodge.
"	Ebenezer Carleton	Master Merrimack Lodge.
"	Daniel Bartlett	Master Aurora Lodge.
"	Henry Fowle	Master Mount Lebanon Lodge.
"	Peter Adams	Master Rising Star Lodge.

R.W.	JOSEPH SMITH	Master Hiram Lodge.
"	CHENEY REEDE	Master Meridian Sun Lodge.
"	AMOS TURNER	Master Montgomery Lodge.
"	THOMAS HEALD	Master Corinthian Lodge.
"	OLIVER BLASHFIELD	Master Thomas Lodge.
"	AMASA STETSON	Master Columbian Lodge.
"	TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Master St. Paul Lodge.
"	THOMAS EDWARDS	Rep. for Cincinnatus Lodge.
"	GERSHOM PLIMPTON	Rep. for Fayette Lodge.
"	BENJ. COOLIDGE	Rep. for Philanthropic Lodge.
"	JOHN JACKSON	Rep. for Warren Lodge.
"	DAVID D. GRAY	Rep. for Pacific Lodge.
"	ALEXANDER ORROK	Rep. for Hiram Lodge.
"	FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Rep. for Fore Fathers' R'k Lodge.
"	THOMAS CHASE	Rep. for Republican Lodge.
"	SAMUEL BREWER	Rep. for Harmony Lodge.
"	T. B. WALES	Rep. for Rural Lodge.
"	JONATHAN WILLINGTON	Rep. for Sumner Lodge.
"	THOMAS ADAMS	Rep. for Amity Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed and authorized with the Grand Secretary to finally adjust and settle the accounts of the several individual Lodges with the Grand Lodge with the District Deputy Grand Masters, or, where there is no District Deputy Grand Master, with the Lodges respectively, according to their discretion, in conformity to such evidence as shall be produced. The committee appointed were R.W. Bros. Thos. Edwards, B. Russell, Allen Crocker, Amos Lincoln and Jno. Boyle.

Eight o'clock, the hour constitutionally appointed for choice of officers.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Benj. Russell, Timothy Bigelow, and A. Crocker be a committee to collect, count and sort the votes for the several Grand Officers to be chosen this evening.

A ballot was taken for a Grand Master for the year ensuing, when it appeared that Isaiah Thomas, Esq., was elected, who being absent, a committee of three were chosen, vizt: R.W. Brother Timothy Whiting, R.W. Timothy Bigelow and R.W. Josiah Bartlett, to wait on the Grand Master-elect and inform him of the choice, who returned an answer of acceptance.

A ballot was taken for the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, when it appeared the following Brethren were unanimously elected, vizt:

R.W. Isaac Hurd	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Timothy Bigelow . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Recording Grand Secretary.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

David D. Gray	Proxy for Pacific Lodge.
Abijah Wyman . .	Proxy for Social Lodge.
Jno. W. Folsom .	Proxy for Hancock Lodge.

On motion, Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to say in what manner the Festival of St. John shall be celebrated the 27th instant. The committee consisted of the following R.W. Brethren, vizt: Benj. Russell, Timothy Bigelow, Wm. Scollay, Shubael Bell and Allen Crocker.

The committee having attended the service committed to them as above designated, beg leave to lay the following report before the M.W. Grand Lodge, vizt:

That the Grand Lodge be summoned to meet at Concert Hall, the 27th instant, at 10 o'clock; that the installation of the Grand Officers take place immediately; that a public procession be formed at 12 o'clock to proceed to the Stone Chapel, where an oration shall be delivered; that the procession then return to Concert Hall where a dinner shall be provided; that the Grand Stewards be directed to provide tickets at three dollars each and that the Grand Wardens, the Grand Secretary, with the Grand Stewards, be directed to carry the foregoing arrangements into complete execution.

This report was unanimously accepted.

A petition was presented by R.W. Bro. Henry M. Lisle, from Union Lodge, at Dorchester, for that Lodge to meet alternately at Dorchester and Milton, and after considerable debate [it was] Voted, The petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

This petition was again taken up and it was Voted, That the subject of alternate meetings should be committed to Brothers

Bartlett, Whiting and Bigelow, to be considered at large and to report next Quarterly Communication.

A committee of three, vizt: Brothers Russell, Soley and Howard, were chosen to report what compensation should be made to the Grand Recording Secretary for his services the year past; who, having retired for that purpose, reported one hundred dollars.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Received from	Isaiah Thomas, D. D. G. M., 4th District		$52 00
	Mount Zion Lodge		10 00
	Montgomery do.		2 00
	Rising Star do.	Bro. Capen	12 50
	Saint Paul do.	Bro. Bigelow	24 50
	Aurora do.	former Rec't	4 00
	St. Peter's do.	by their Secretary	30 75
	Merrimack do.	by their Master	20 25
	R.W. Timothy Whiting, his Returns for 3d District		210 50
	R.W. Jno. D. Dunbar, his Returns for 7th District		65 25
	Eastern Star Lodge, by Bro. Dane, including 10 diplomas @ 75 cents each		24 00
	Morning Star Lodge, by I. Thomas		33 30
			$489 05

The committee, appointed at the last meeting to examine the Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's account for the past year, reported, that they found them all well vouched and regularly and correctly kept, and that there now remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer three hundred and ten dollars and thirty-one cents.

A discussion arose on the mode of voting for Grand Officers and on motion, VOTED, To prevent any debate on this subject in future, that all Masters and Wardens of Lodges (and proxies of Lodges when no officers of such Lodges are present) are entitled to this privilege.

The Grand Lodge was closed till the 27th instant.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A Meeting of Grand Lodge was held by adjournment at Concert Hall for installation of officers and other purposes, Festival, etc., December 27th, 5802.

Present.

M.W. Samuel Dunn	Grand Master.
R.W. Joseph Laughton	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. John Boyle	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Isaac Hurd	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
W. Amos Lincoln	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. Paul Revere, Jr.	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Edward Goodwin	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John Risbrough W. John Edmunds	Grand Stewards.
Bro. John Green	Grand Tyler.

Also present.

R.W. Paul Revere, Esq.	Past Grand Master.
R.W. Josiah Bartlett	Past Grand Master.
R.W. John D. Dunbar	D. D. Grand Master, 7th District.

A number of the Reverend Clergy and about two hundred members of Lodges in Boston and its vicinity.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to wait on the Grand Master-elect and introduce him into the Grand Lodge. The following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: M.W. Josiah Bartlett, R.W. Jno. D. Dunbar, R.W. Joseph Laughton, R.W. Allen Crocker and R.W. Henry Fowle. M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., being accordingly introduced, was duly installed by the M.W. Sam'l Dunn, P. G. M., and seated in the Chair of Solomon.

The Most Wor. Grand Master was then pleased to appoint the following Grand Officers agreeably to the powers invested in him by the Constitution, vizt:

R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
Shubael Bell	Senior Grand Deacon.
Henry Fowle	Junior Grand Deacon.
Ezra Ripley .	Grand Chaplain.
Benj. Russell .	Grand Marshal.
Francis J. Oliver .	Senior Grand Steward.
John W. Gurley . .	Junior Grand Steward.
Edward Goodwin . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Joseph W. Revere . . .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
Jno. May, Jun. .	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
John Green	Grand Tyler.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, was pleased to call the attention of the Grand Lodge to an address, on the principles and duties of the Craft, which was delivered by him with both instructive and pathetic [reflections] and received with approbation and applause.

A procession was then formed and, being Masonically arranged by the R.W. Brother Marshal, proceeded to the Stone Chapel. Brother Jno. W. Gurley, who had been invited to this honorable service, delivered an oration before a very crowded auditory, who repeatedly evidenced—by their expressions of applause — pleasure, satisfaction, and delight at his uncommon display of eloquence, talents and wit. Lessons and collects were read by the Reverend Mr. Freeman and prayers were offered to the Supreme and Divine Architect by the Rev'd Brother Jno. Murray and Mr. Kirkland. Solemn music was repeatedly and seasonably introduced during the performances.

On motion, Voted, That five hundred copies of the M.W. Grand Master's inaugural address, Bro. Jno. Gurley's oration, with the lessons and collects by Mr. Freeman, etc., etc., be printed at the expense of the Grand Lodge, and that five of them be distributed by the Grand Treasurer to each Lodge under this Jurisdiction.

On motion, Voted, That R.W. Brothers S. Bell, F. J. Oliver, and Edmund Bowman be a committee to carry the foregoing vote into effect.

A committee of seven Brethren from St. Andrew's Lodge, who had also assembled to celebrate this Anniversary at their

Hall, Green Dragon, were introduced and informed the Most W. Grand Master that St. Andrew's Lodge would do themselves the honor of drinking his health and that of the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, with the honors of Masonry, at 7 o'clock this evening precisely, at which hour the testimonials of Brotherly love were reciprocated by the Grand Lodge.

All the new elected and appointed Grand Officers were present, together with a large number of Past Grand Officers with the Masters, Wardens and proxies of many neighboring Lodges. The procession was lengthy and respectable; the church was crowded and the assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, spectators, was brilliant.

The services of the church being ended the procession again formed and returned to Concert Hall, where an elegant feast was prepared by the committee for that purpose. After dinner a number of Masonic and other appropriate toasts were drank, accompanied with excellent songs and well adapted music from a band which attended through the several ceremonies of the day.

The greatest order was preserved and harmony and Brotherly affection crowned the Festival.

At an early hour the Most W. Grand Master, who had retired to an adjacent room, closed the Grand Lodge, and the Brethren all retired to their respective homes.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A Meeting of Grand Lodge, held at Concert Hall, on the evening of 14th March, A.L. 5803.

Present.

M.W.	Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W.	Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W.	John Boyle	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	Henry Fowle	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W.	Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W.	Jno. Proctor	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W.	Shubael Bell	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W.	Edward Goodwin	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	Francis J. Oliver	1st Grand Steward.
Bro.	Jno. W. Gurley	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro.	John Green	Grand Tyler.

Also present.

R.W.	Sam'l Dunn	Past Grand Master.
R.W.	William Little	Past Grand Warden.

And the following Representatives of Lodges:

Bro.	John B. Hammatt	St. John's Lodge.
	Edward Bowman	Rising States Lodge.
	Jacob Fisher	Trinity Lodge.
	Stephen Howard	St. Peter's Lodge.
	Amasa Stetson	Columbian Lodge.
	William Bond	Meridian Lodge.
	William Bentley	Mt. Lebanon Lodge.
	Ebenezer Carleton	Merrimack Lodge.
Rev.	Ezekiel L. Bascom	Harris Lodge.
	Job Drew	Massachusetts Lodge.
	Abijah Selyman	Social Lodge.
	Sam'l Stetson	Morning Star Lodge.
	Wallis Little	St. Paul Lodge.
	Francis Jarvis	Corinthian Lodge.
Rev.	William Bentley	Master Essex Lodge.
	Jonathan Page	King Solomon Lodge.
	Adams Bailey	Old Colony Lodge.
	Alexander Obrok	King Hiram Lodge.

A communication and report was received from Rising States Lodge and read, which, being maturely considered and duly de-

liberated upon, it was on motion, VOTED, unanimously, To approve of the same and to sanction the proceedings of said Lodge, and that the same should be inserted in the Grand Lodge Records. Here follows the report. Tribunal of the Rising States Lodge, appointed for the trial of E—— B——, W—— F——, B—— S—— and J—— A——, members of said Lodge, charged first of having at several times taken from the chest of the Rising States Lodge the charter and jewels of said Lodge; second, for having used the same, or been present at the using of the same, in a clandestine manner, inconsistent with their duty as Masons, derogatory to the Craft and highly injurious to the Lodge of which they are members.

E—— B—— was first brought in and examined. The charge being read to him he pleaded "Not guilty." The Tribunal then proceeded to examine the evidence and hear the defendant in his defence, from which it appear'd that the said B—— was at a clandestine meeting of persons calling themselves Masons, and working in the higher degrees, as they called them, at a room in Mrs. Marean's tavern, on the 28th day of January, 1803; that the charter and jewels of the Rising States Lodge were found in that room by the Grand Marshal; that the said B—— had been told that the said Lodge was regular, having a traveling charter from a Grand Lodge; that he considered the meeting as legal, and that he did not know, till his entering the room the second time, that the jewels of the Rising States Lodge were present nor that the charter was there until delivered to the Grand Marshal. It appeared, also, that after the Grand Marshal had arrested and taken away the said jewels and charter, that the said B—— did receive what they told him was a Masonic obligation. Whereupon this question was put, "Is the defendant guilty of the first count of this charge?" and it was unanimously determined that he was not guilty. The question was then put on the second count of this charge, and on the question "Is he guilty?" it was unanimously determined that he was guilty.

The Tribunal then agreed to recommend that the following sentence be passed by the Lodge on said B——, viz: That he be

removed from the office of Junior Deacon of said Lodge and that he be admonished from the Chair.

The Yeas, on this occasion, were 10; the Nays, 1. J—— A—— was then brought in. He pleaded specially to the charge that he was "Guilty in part" and "Not guilty in part." From the evidence of the witnesses and the defence of the defendant, it appeared, that the circumstances, as they respected the defendant, were the same as they respected B——, excepting that he did not, at that time, hold any office in the Lodge. The Tribunal, therefore, determined that he was not guilty of the first, but was guilty of the second count in the charge. They therefore recommend to the Lodge to pass this sentence on him, vizt: That he [be] reprimanded from the Chair, in open Lodge. N.B. In this recommendation the Tribunal was unanimous.

W—— F—— was then called in. The charge being read to him he pleaded "Not guilty." The Tribunal then proceeded to examine the witnesses and hear the defendant in his defence, from which it appeared that he was Senior Steward of the Rising States Lodge; that he had proceeded without the knowledge of the Lodge or direction of the Master; that he had two sets of keys to the chest where the regalia and charter of the Lodge were deposited; that he had at three several times taken the jewels and twice the charter of said Lodge and used the same, in the aforesaid clandestine manner and meeting; that he once carried the charter out of town thereby to denominate it a Travelling Charter; that he had worn the jewel of the Senior Warden of said Lodge in the said clandestine meeting; that he had that jewel on when arrested by the Grand Marshal and that when the said Marshal demanded the charter of the Rising States Lodge the defendant deliver'd it to him. Whereupon the Tribunal unanimously determined that the said W—— F—— was guilty of the charge alleged against him, and unanimously recommends to the said Lodge to pass the following sentence upon him, vizt: That the said F—— be expelled from the Rising States Lodge.

B—— S—— was then brought in. The charges were read to him; he pleaded "Not guilty." Whereupon the Tribunal proceeded to examine the witnesses and to hear the said defendant in his defence, from which it appeared that the said S—— had

been active in enticing Masons to receive degrees in said clandestine meeting; that he was accessory in carrying the charter of Rising States Lodge out of town; that he had worn the jewel of the Rising States Lodge as Junior Warden in said clandestine meeting and was found therein when the Grand Marshal made the arrest. Whereupon the Tribunal determined unanimously that he was "Guilty" of the charges alleged against him and unanimously recommends, to the said Lodge, that the following sentence be passed upon him, vizt: That the said B—— S—— be expelled from the Rising States Lodge.

In testimony of which the Tribunal have affixed their names to this judgment and recommendation.

Signed, EDMUND BOWMAN, Chairman.
AMOS LINCOLN.
JONATHAN WILLINGTON.
PAUL REVERE, JUN.
STEPHEN FRANCIS.
THOMAS ADAMS.
PERCIVAL HALL.
ALEXANDER ORROK.
JOSEPH CLARK.
BENJ. COOLIDGE.

Rising States Lodge,
23d February, 5803.

The foregoing report was presented to this Rising States Lodge and read. After some preparatory observations on the same the question was called for and taken by Yeas and Nays. 40 members were present.

The question on the report as it respects E—— B—— was taken: thirty-six members were in the affirmative. The question on the report respecting J—— A—— was taken, when it appeared that the whole 40 members were in the affirmative. The question on the report as it respected W—— F—— was taken. 40 members, the whole number, were in the affirmative. The question of report respecting B—— S—— was taken, when it appeared that 39 members were in the affirmative.

True copy from the records of the Rising States Lodge.

Attest: JOSEPH CLARK,
Secretary.

A petition was presented from Michael Hodge and others of Newburyport, surviving officers of St. John's Lodge, chartered by the late M.W. John Rowe, Grand Master, that they may be admitted to assemble as a Lodge and promising due submission to the Laws and Regulations of the Grand Lodge. It was committed to the R.W. Bell, Oliver and Howard, who reported in favor of their admission; also, that their charter should be endorsed and the Lodge take rank from the time of its endorsement.

This report was unanimously accepted.

On motion, Voted, That the Grand Treasurer pay to R.W. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris, sixty dollars for past services.

A petition for a Lodge at New Bedford and a petition for a Lodge at Mendon were ordered to lay over to the next Quarterly Communication, for further recommendation.

A lengthy communication from the Grand Lodge of So. Carolina was presented, read, and on motion, Voted, To commit the same to the following committee of five, vizt: M.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Timothy Bigelow, Bro. Jno. W. Gurley, R.W. William Bentley.

Cash received of Brother Alexander Orrok for Hiram Lodge, $30.

A petition was received from Bela Clap, Pliny Hartshorn and Job Drew, late members of Rising States Lodge, against a vote of that Lodge respecting them, [and] was committed to R.W. Bro. Simon Elliot, Shubael Bell and Henry Fowle, to report at next meeting.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

April 25th, 5803.

On this evening the Grand Lodge, by direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, visited Rising States Lodge in Boston. At this Visitation the following Grand Officers were present:

M.W. Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Isaac Hurd	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
Rev. John Murray	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. John W. Gurley	Grand Stewards.
Bro. John May, Jr.	Grand Stewards.
R.W. John W. Folsom	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
Joseph W. Revere	1st Pursuivant.
James Cutler	2nd Pursuivant.
John Green	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened at an adjacent room, Concert Hall, and being properly and Masonically arranged, marched in procession to the Lodge-room, accompanied with music.

The M.W. Master being placed in the Chair, the following was the Order of Performance, vizt:

A prayer by the Grand Chaplain, solemn music, vocal and instrumental, accompanied a hymn for the occasion.

An address on the origin, progress and principles of Masonry was delivered in a dignified and impressive manner by R.W. Benj. Russell.

An ode on charity was sung by W. Brother Eaton, attended with instrumental music.

The M.W. Grand Master proceeded to invest the R.W. Edmund Bowman with the badge of his office as Master of Rising

States Lodge, who, in his place, invested the several officers of his Lodge, with an appropriate charge to each.

On motion, VOTED, To choose a committee of three to wait on R.W. Bro. Russell and request a copy of his address for the press. The committee chosen were R.W. John Brazer, R.W. Benj. Coolidge, R.W. Shubael Bell.

At the direction of the M.W. Grand Master, the R.W. Master of the Rising States Lodge went through the Entered Apprentice's Lecture, much to the satisfaction of the Grand Lodge and to the honor of the Lodge.

The Laws and Records of the Lodge were read and approved.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas then was pleased to address the Lodge in a short but comprehensive, monitory and affectionate manner.

The Grand Lodge was then formed for procession by the Grand Marshal, and, with music, retired from the Lodge-room to the room appropriated to the use of the Grand Lodge and the Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest:

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Installation of Merrimack Lodge.

By order of the Most Wor. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, the Grand Lodge was convened at Haverhill for the purpose of installing Merrimack Lodge. The following officers were present:

M.W. Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Isaac Hurd	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Jonathan Gage	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Park	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. Shubael Bell	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. William Woart	Asst. Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. William Greenleaf	Bearer of Grand Lights.
Rev. Ezra Ripley	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Edmund Bartlett	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. John May, Jr.	1st Grand Steward.
Bro. William Stackpole, Jr.	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. John Thayer	1st Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Jonathan Loring	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John Green	Grand Tyler.

On the arrival of the Grand Master and his officers at Haverhill, they repaired to a room appointed for their convenience, where the Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form. On due notice given by a committee from Merrimack Lodge, they proceeded to Masons Hall, where that Lodge was assembled, when, after passing through the necessary ceremonies and qualifications, and examining the Records and Laws of the Lodge, a procession was formed, by order of the Grand Master, and being marshaled in Masonic order, moved, attended by a band of music, to the meeting-house in Haverhill.

Solemn music commenced the exercises. Divine Service was performed by the Rev'd and R.W. Brother Ezra Ripley, G. C. By the Grand Master's direction the officers of Merrimack Lodge were regularly invested with their badges and received their respective charges; and being duly consecrated the Grand Master

gave an occasional address to the Lodge, and the ceremonies were closed in invoking a Divine Benediction.

The procession, being again formed, returned to Masons Hall, where the Brethren mutually partook of a sumptuous table provided for the occasion, and the day ended with true Masonic conviviality. The Grand Lodge early retired and closed in Ample Form.

Signed, Shubael Bell,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall on the evening of the 13th June, A.L. 5803.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JONATHAN GAGE	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. ALEX'R ORROK	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. ASA PAGE W. JONATHAN WILLINGTON	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

Also, the representatives of many Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

A petition from Otis Amidon and others, refer'd over from last Communication for further recommendation, was again read and on motion, VOTED, That the prayer of their petition be granted.

A petition from a number of Brethren at West Stockbridge, in the County of Berkshire, for a charter to hold a Lodge by the name of Wisdom Lodge, was also granted.

Two petitions, presented by R.W. Brother Symmes, one for a Lodge to be constituted at Fryburg, County of York, by the name of Pythagorean Lodge, and the other for a Lodge to be constituted at New Gloucester by the name of Cumberland Lodge, County of Cumberland, were both granted.

The petition for a Lodge at New Bedford was further refer'd to the meeting of the Grand Lodge in September next, for better recommendation.

VOTED, That the committee on the letter from King Solomon's Lodge at Charlestown, be instructed to report the next Grand Lodge night.

Brother Simeon Allen was admitted proxy for Rural Lodge.

R.W. Brother David Howe, Master of Hancock Lodge, prefer'd a petition for leave to alter the place of the meetings of that Lodge from Penobscot to Castine, which was granted accordingly.

The Grand Secretary was directed to remind the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction of the necessity of a seal to certificates for proxies.

Grand Lodge closed in Ample Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, on the 12th of September, A.L. 5803.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. ROBERT LASH	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOSEPH THAXTER	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

R.W. Brother John Boyle and R.W. Brother Ripley, Grand Chaplain, were also present this evening with the representatives of the following Lodges, vizt:

Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Middlesex, King Solomon, Columbian, Eastern Star, Montgomery, Social, King Hiram, Meridian Sun, King Solomon in Perfection, Rural, Philanthropic, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mount Lebanon, Constellation, Sumner and Harris.

The petition for a Lodge at New Bedford, by the name of Washington Remember'd, which had been refer'd for better recommendation, was granted this evening.

The petitioners for a Lodge at Quincy had leave to withdraw the same.

A petition from William Mead and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Newburyport, by the name of St. Mark's Lodge, was granted this evening.

A petition was presented from American Union Lodge of Marietta, through R.W. Thad's M. Harris, praying for a renewal of their charter by this Grand Lodge, and to be received under its Jurisdiction and patronage. On motion, VOTED,

unanimously, That the prayer of this petition be granted; that they be admitted to all the rights and privileges of this Grand Lodge, so long as they shall conform to regulations and requisitions of this Grand Lodge, and the Grand Secretary is instructed to record that Lodge, thus adopted, by the name of American Union Lodge.

R.W. Elias Bond was admitted as proxy for Kennebec Lodge.

A letter from the Grand Lodge of England was read. On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary prepare an answer to the same, and lay it before this Grand Lodge, for their approbation, previous to its being forwarded.

VOTED, That the committee on the petition of Brothers Bela Clap, Pliny Hartshorn and Job Drew, be specially requested to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris be added to the committee on the letter rec'd from Charleston, South Carolina.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges of Tennessee and North Carolina. VOTED, To commit them for reply to the R.W. Grand Corresponding Secretary.

Communication rec'd from King Hiram Lodge, by Bro. A. Orrok, $10.75.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The following reports were read and accepted, vizt:

The committee appointed to consider a communication from Republican Lodge, through Elijah Arnold, its Secretary, held at Greenfield, State of Massachusetts, A.L. 5801, respecting the expulsion of Aaron Greene and John Pitt from said Lodge, ask leave to report, that they have attended the duty assigned them; have examined the copy of records; conversed with W. Bro. Foster, who was knowing to the facts, and are unanimously of opinion that the doings of said Lodge ought to be confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and that the expulsion of Aaron Greene and John Pitt be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the

several District Deputy Grand Masters for the information of the Lodges in their respective circuits, which is now submitted.

WOODBURY STORER,
BENJ. RUSSELL,
CHARLES TURNER, JR.

The committee appointed to consider the communication from Montgomery Lodge, through Ames Hawes, its Secretary, held at Franklin, in the State of Massachusetts, A.L. 5802, respecting the expulsion of Oliver Newland Pond from said Lodge, ask leave to report, that they have attended the duty assigned them; have examined the copy of records; conversed with a Brother well knowing to the facts, and are unanimously of opinion that the doings of said Lodge ought to be confirmed by the Grand Lodge and that the expulsion of Oliver N. Pond ought to be communicated by the Grand Secretary to the several District Deputy Grand Masters for the information of the Lodges in their respective circuits.

Signed,

WOODBURY STORER,
BENJ. RUSSELL,
CHARLES TURNER, JR.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Dedham, County of Norfolk, for the Installation of Constellation Lodge, October 19, A.L. 5803.

Present.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas . .	Grand Master.
R.W. Joseph Laughton .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Jno. Cooper . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker .	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor .	Grand Secretary.
Bro. William Stackpole, Jr.	Asst. Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. Thad's M. Harris . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Job Drew . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Bro. E. Niles .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Alex'r Orrok .	Grand Steward.
Bro. Joseph Newell .	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. John Green . . .	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge, having repaired to a convenient apartment prepared for their purpose, was opened in Ample Form.

A committee of three from Constellation Lodge, waited on the Grand Lodge with information that the Lodge were prepared to receive them. The Grand Lodge, being Masonically arranged, proceeded to the Lodge hall where the necessary and preparatory ceremonies were performed and the records and laws of Constellation Lodge were examined and approved by the Grand Master. The two Lodges united, with a large number of Brethren, visitors from the Lodges in the vicinity, were then marshall'd in procession and, attended by a band of music, proceeded to the meeting-house in Dedham. The exercises were begun by a prayer to the Divine Architect; a well adapted sermon was preached by the Rev'd Brother Elliot of Watertown, from these words, "Do good to all men but especially to the household of faith." The officers of Constellation Lodge were methodically invested with their several jewels and received their charges by the Grand Officers.

An appropriate and animated address was deliver'd by the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, and a closing benediction from Rev'd Bro. T. M. Harris.

Solemn and cheerful, vocal and instrumental music was occasionally interspersed. The house was crowded with a numerous and respectable assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. After which the procession was again formed and returned to the hall, and the day ended in Masonic festivity and mirth.

The Grand Lodge retired at an early hour and was closed in Ample Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

BOSTON, NOVEMBER 15TH, 5803.

This evening the M.W. Grand Master, assembled the Grand Lodge at Concert Hall to visit Massachusetts Lodge.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. WOODBURY STORER	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
Bro. JOHN BADLAM	Asst. Grand Secretary.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Marshal.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN JACKSON	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. JOHN MAY, JR.	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

ALSO THE FOLLOWING PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
R.W. THOMAS EDWARDS	Past Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge being opened in AMPLE FORM and properly arranged by the Grand Marshal, on due notice by a committee from Massachusetts Lodge, proceeded to the hall of that Lodge. The Grand Master, placed in the Chair of Solomon, was pleased to examine the Records and By-Laws of the Lodge and sanctioned and approved the same. By direction of the Grand Master, Massachusetts Lodge went through the Entered Apprentice's Lecture, which was performed with promptitude and precision and to the credit and honor of the Lodge. A manly and appropriate address was delivered by [Charles P.] Sumner, in which he dilated on the principles and moral duties of the Craft. A hymn composed for the occasion was well performed by Brother Eaton and others of the Brethren, accompanied with solemn music.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas was then pleased to address the Lodge and, after a benediction, the Grand Lodge returned in like procession to another hall and was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF A DEPUTY GRAND LODGE assembled agreeably to the direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas at Barnstable, to the R.W. John D. Dunbar, District Deputy Grand Master of the [Third] District, A.L. 5803, for the purpose of constituting and installing the officers of Fraternal Lodge in DUE FORM. The Grand Lodge was formed as follows, vizt:

R.W. JOHN D. DUNBAR	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL PARKER	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. WILLIAM COFFIN	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ELISHA DOANE	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN BROCK, JR.	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
JON'A C. BRIGGS	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. RICHARD CABY	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
Rev. JOHN ALLYNE	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bro. STEPHEN BRIGGS	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Bro. BENJ. BROWN	Grand Pursuivant, *pro tem.*
Bro. BENJ. WOLCOTT	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOHN HOMER	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Lodge being duly opened, Fraternal Lodge was regularly constituted and its officers installed agreeably to ancient usage.

Signed, STEPHEN BRIGGS,
Grand Secretary.

A GRAND LODGE was held at Athol, County of Worcester, by direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., on the 13th of October, A.L. 5803, to constitute and consecrate Harris Lodge and to install its officers.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. CALVIN EATON	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICH'L NEWHALL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. AMOS WOODWARD	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL BARTLETT	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. NATH'L MACABTY	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. N. G. STEPHENS	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. & Rev. EZRA RIPLEY	Grand Chaplain.
NATHAN CHENEY GILBERT MILLER	Grand Stewards.
ARCH'D BLACK	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. JONAS TOWER	Grand Tyler.
Bro. NATH'L CHENEY	Bearer of Great Lights.
W. OLIVER CHAPIN	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

The R.W. Master and the other officers of Harris Lodge passed through the usual ceremonies and their Records and By-Laws, being examined by the Grand Master, were well approved. A procession was then formed, accompanied with a band of music, and proceeded to the meeting-house. A sermon was there deliver'd by Rev'd Bro. Elliot, of Watertown, after which Harris Lodge was publicly consecrated and its officers installed. A charge by the Most Wfl. Grand Master followed. The procession, being duly arranged by the Grand Marshal, then returned to the Hall and partook of a sumptuous entertainment prepared for the occasion.

The Grand Lodge retired and was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOSEPH PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, on the 12th of December, A.L. 5803.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ISAAC HURD	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. THOMAS BURLEY	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Rev. EZRA RIPLEY	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	1st Grand Steward.
Bro. JOHN MAY, JR.	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. JOHN GREEN	Grand Tyler.

and the following District Deputy Grand Masters, vizt: R.W. John Boyle of the 1st District, R.W. Jonathan Gage of the 2d District and the R.W. Timothy Whiting of the 5th District. R.W. Samuel Dunn, Esq., Past Grand Master; R.W. William Little, Past Grand Warden, with the representatives of the following Lodges, vizt: St. John's, Rising States, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Trinity, Warren, King Solomon's, Lincoln, Republican, Middlesex, Columbian, Union, King Hiram, Thomas, Jerusalem, St. Paul's, Fellowship, Corinthian, Meridian, Hiram, Meridian Sun, Philanthropic, King David, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Aurora, Amity, Rural, Corner Stone, Union No. 5, Constellation, Rising Virtue, Harris, St. Mark's and Charity.

The proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were read by the Grand Secretary.

A petition from Job Drew and others, which had been refer'd, was again called up and the committee who were appointed to report on the same, ask'd leave to report:

That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge, that the vote referr'd to, of the Rising States Lodge, in the petition of Brother Job Drew and others, does not amount to an act of expulsion but is merely expressive of the sense of said Lodge that the said Drew and others by proposing themselves as candidates for the Massachusetts Lodge, virtually withdrew themselves from Rising States Lodge. VOTED, That a copy of the foregoing vote be transmitted to the Rising States to be inserted in their records.

Signed, SIMON ELLIOT,
Chairman.

The above report was accepted.

A copy of the above was accordingly transmitted by the Grand Secretary.

The committee appointed to examine the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's accounts for the year past, reported as follows, vizt: The undersigned committee of the Grand Lodge have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary and find them right cast and well vouched and a balance due the Grand Lodge of seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and three cents from the Grand Treasurer.

Signed, JOSEPH LAUGHTON, FRANCIS J. OLIVER, SHUBAEL BELL, } Committee.

On motion, VOTED, That the foregoing committee be appointed to report, without delay, what compensation shall be made to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretaries for the last year's services; who retired and then produced the following report, vizt: We, the committee appointed to report what compensation shall be made to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, beg leave to report as follows: That from the great increase of business to the Grand Recording Secretary, he shall be paid two hundred dollars, and fifty dollars shall be paid to the Grand Corresponding Secretary for his services, — all of which is very respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
Chairman.

The foregoing report was accepted.

A request was presented from Tyrian Lodge, at Gloucester, — special meeting — to know what the Grand Lodge will determine respecting their grade in the Lodges under their Jurisdiction and the number of their diplomas; whereupon, on motion, it was VOTED, To choose a committee of five to enquire into the merits of their request, also to take up the subject of the numbers and grades of Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, at large, and report at the next Quarterly Communication — when the following Brethren were appointed a committee for that purpose, vizt: The R.W. Brothers Whiting, Bigelow, Russell, Crocker and Little.

A letter was received from R.W. Jonathan Gage from Unity Lodge, at Ipswich, setting forth their deranged situation and inability to comply with the requisitions of the Grand Lodge, and requesting a remission of their dues; but desiring still to retain their charter till the ensuing spring, in hopes to obtain an addition of such, and so many, members as shall enable them still to support their charter — which request was ordered to lay over accordingly till the time prescribed.

A petition from the officers and members of Rural Lodge for leave to hold the meetings of that Lodge at Quincy, in the County of Norfolk, instead of Randolph, as designated in their charter, was presented and on motion, VOTED, That permission be given for that Lodge to assemble at Quincy, as requested, and there only.

The two following votes of St. Paul's Lodge were presented by the R.W. Brother T. Whiting, and approved by the Grand Lodge and, on motion of R.W. Bro. Whiting, it was unanimously VOTED, That the Grand Secretary should forthwith transmit copies thereof to the several District Deputy Grand Masters throughout the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, [vizt:]

Saint Paul's Lodge at Groton, 28th March, 5803.

On complaint made by Bro. James Prescott, in the following words: Whereas A—— B——, Esq., a member and Brother of St. Paul's Lodge, has been indicted for a fraudulent conspiracy, and on account thereof has absconded to parts unknown, there-

fore, VOTED, That the said B—— be expelled from this Lodge and that his connections, as a visitor and a member, be henceforth considered as totally dissolved. Voted accordingly.

A true copy from the records.

Signed, DAVID LAWRENCE,
Secretary of St. Paul's Lodge.

Saint Paul's Lodge at Groton, 28th November, 5803.

VOTED, That whereas Capt. L—— P—— of P—— has been, by his own confession, convicted of forgery by the Supreme Judicial Court of this Commonwealth, and has otherwise been guilty of gross immoralities, that therefore the said L—— P—— be expelled from this Lodge.

A true copy from the records.

Attest: DAVID LAWRENCE,
Sec'y of St. Paul's Lodge.

The hour having arrived fixed for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, the Grand Master retired; a committee was raised to collect, count and sort the votes for the several candidates. The following R.W. Brethren were elected, vizt: Laughton, Whiting and Bell.

The votes being determined respecting a Grand Master, it appeared the M.W. Isaiah Thomas was unanimously re-elected. VOTED, a committee to wait on the M.W. Isaiah Thomas and inform him of his re-election; it consisted of Bros. Boyle, Ripley, Whiting, Crocker and Dunn. They returned an answer of acceptance. The M.W. Grand Master, agreeably to his re-election, was escorted into the Grand Lodge and placed in the Chair of Solomon. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of the other four officers pointed out by the Constitution, to be chosen by ballot, when it appeared on assorting and counting the votes for each: the R.W. Timothy Bigelow was chosen Senior Grand Warden; R.W. John Soley, Junior Grand Warden; R.W. Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer and W. Jno. Proctor, Grand Recording Secretary.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to nominate and appoint:

R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thaddeus M. Harris . . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Edward Goodwin . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver . . .	1st Grand Steward.
W. Jno. B. Hammatt . .	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. Joseph W. Revere . .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John May, Jr.	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. John Green	Grand Tyler.

On motion, Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the Right W. Isaac Hurd for his services to this Grand Lodge in the office of Grand Senior Warden, and that a copy of this vote be presented to R.W. Brother Hurd by the Grand Secretary.

On motion, Voted, That a committee be appointed to prepare a suitable platform, for the use of this Grand Lodge, also to furnish proper jewels for the several District Deputy Grand Masters; and that the seats of the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens be elevated. The following Brethren were chosen: R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Edmund Bowman and R.W. Benjamin Russell.

On motion, Voted, That a committee be raised to devise ways and means to erect a hall for the use of the Grand Lodge. Voted, That the last chosen committee report at the next Quarterly Communication and that the report lay over for consideration till June next; also, Voted, That this committee consist of five. The following Brethren were chosen, vizt: M.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Samuel Dunn, R.W. Timothy Bigelow, R.W. John Soley.

Returns were made from the following District Deputy Grand Masters, vizt:

John Boyle	1st District.
Jonathan Gage	2nd District.
Timothy Whiting	5th District.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE IN QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION, at Concert Hall, on the evening of the 12th March, A. L. 5804.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	1st Grand Steward.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. WOODBURY STORER, Dist. Deputy Grand Master for the 9th District.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING, Dist. Deputy Grand Master for the 5th Dist.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's [Boston], Massachusetts, Tyrian, Rising States, Portland, Philanthropic, Trinity, Warren, King Solomon, King Solomon in Perfection, Columbian, Middlesex, Evening Star, King Hiram, Harmony, St. Paul's, Fellowship, Mount Moriah, Amity, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mount Lebanon, Eastern, Sumner, Cumberland and St. Mark's.

The following Brethren took their seats, being admitted as proxies, R.W. William Little for Evening Star Lodge; R.W. Jonathan Western for Eastern Lodge, Eastport.

A petition was presented, through R.W. Woodbury Storer, from a number of Brethren in the town of Bridgetown, District of Maine, for the privilege of a charter to hold a Lodge in that place, by the name of Oriental Lodge, which was granted.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be raised to secure a more suitable place for the meeting of this Grand Lodge, when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R. Wors.

Simon Elliot, John Soley, Allen Crocker, Henry Fowle and Shubael Bell.

A memorial from King Solomon Lodge at Charlestown was read, setting forth the impoverished state of their funds, by reason of losses sustained, and extraordinary expenses incurred in erecting the monument on the heights of Charlestown, in memory of our Most Worshipful Brother, the late General Joseph Warren;

Whereupon, VOTED, To choose a committee of three to take the same into consideration and report soon as may be; when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. John Boyle, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Thaddeus M. Harris, who having retired for the purpose, returned and made the following report: That all dues from that Lodge for initiates, previous to the regulations of the Grand Lodge in December, A.L. 5801, be remitted them; and that fifty dollars be passed to the credit of that Lodge in their account as it now stands on the new Lodge account book.

On motion, VOTED, That the report of the committee on the number and grades of Lodges, read this evening, be refer'd over to the next meeting of this Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of a Deputy Grand Lodge, at Stockbridge.

On Tuesday, the 6th of September, A.L. 5803, the Deputy Grand Lodge assembled at the request of Wisdom Lodge and opened on the first, second and third steps of Masonry in Due Form, at the house of Brother Woodruff at West Stockbridge.

Brethren present:

R.W. Caleb Hyde	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Walker Dean	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Daniel Chappell	Deputy Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Oliver Bendell	Deputy Junior Grand Warden.
John Willard	Deputy Grand Marshal.
Elijah Northrop	Deputy Grand Treasurer.
Joseph Tucker	Deputy Grand Secretary.
Oliver Gleason	Deputy Senior Grand Deacon.
Levi Belden	Deputy Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Daniel Steward	Deputy Steward.
Bro. John Gregory	Deputy 2nd Steward.
Bro. Enos Stone, Jr.	Deputy Grand Tyler.

The Brethren of Wisdom Lodge, being assembled at the house of Brother Amos Woodruff aforesaid, after the usual ceremonies moved towards the meeting-house in Stockbridge, where a procession was formed; and after the public exercises, being a sermon well adapted to the occasion by the Rev. Oliver Ayer, with vocal and instrumental music, the Lodge was consecrated and the officers installed, publicly, in Due Form, as follows:

R.W. Levi Tyrel	Master.
Bro. Samuel Barlow	Senior Warden.
Bro. Grove Pomroy	Junior Warden.
Bro. Amos Woodruff	Treasurer.
Bro. David Crocker	Secretary.
Bro. Fanning Wilson	Senior Deacon.
Bro. Arthur Buel	Junior Deacon.
Bro. Barsellai Brown	1st Steward.
Bro. Elkariah Reed	2nd Steward.
Bro. Isaac Bidwell	Tyler.

The procession was then reversed and returned to the Lodge-room, where they closed in Due Form and then partook of an elegant dinner, prepared for the occasion by Brother Woodruff, and separated in decency and order.

Signed, Joseph Tucker,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

Proceedings of a Deputy Grand Lodge, at Mendon.

At a Meeting of a Deputy Grand Lodge at Mendon, County of Worcester, on Wednesday the 6th day of June, Anno Lucis 5804, for the consecration of Charity Lodge and installing its officers.

Present.

R.W. Ebenezer H. Phillips.	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Shubael Bell	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Abner Morse . .	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Edward Turner .	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
W. John B. Hammatt	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. & Rev. Thad's M. Harris	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bro. Isaiah Rider .	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. Rufus Bacon	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. N. Greeno . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Bro. Ezek. Pitts . . .	
R.W. David Wiswall	Gr. Sw. Bearer and Tyler, *pro tem.*
R.W. Benj. Russell .	Grand Marshal.

Charity Lodge was consecrated and installed in Due and Ancient Form, and [we] then closed to meet at Concert Hall, Boston, the 11th instant.

Francis Blake,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE held at Concert Hall, June the 11th, A.L. 5804.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	1st Grand Steward.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

Also, R.W. Josiah Bartlett and R.W. Paul Revere, P. Grand Masters; R.W. Woodbury Storer and R.W. George Ulmer, District Deputy Grand Masters; R.W. William Little, Past Grand Warden and the representatives of the following Lodges under this Jurisdiction, vizt: Rising States, Massachusetts, King Solomon, Columbian, Amity, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, Mount Zion, Constellation, Pythagorean, Montgomery, Hancock, Portland, Thomas, St. Mark's, Harris, Union No. 5, Union, Corinthian, Tyrian, Social and Fore Fathers' Rock.

The report of the committee on the number and grades of Lodges under this Jurisdiction was called up, read and debated upon, and on motion, VOTED, That two should be added to the committee; when the R.W. Paul Revere, Esq. and R.W. Josiah Bartlett were chosen, and the report referred over to the next Quarterly Communication.

A communication from the Grand Lodge of Virginia was read by the Corresponding Grand Secretary, and on motion, VOTED, That the same be committed to the M.W. Grand Master, R.W. Timothy Bigelow and R.W. William Symmes, of Portland.

Communications were also read from the Grand Lodges of London, Halifax, Rhode Island and Kentucky and committed to the Corresponding Grand Secretary, Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris.

A petition from William Fenneymore was presented by the R.W. Simon Elliot, Deputy Grand Master, and on motion, VOTED, That it be recommended to the Rising States Lodge to reconsider their vote of exclusion passed against him the 23d of February, 5803, and so far remit his punishment as to them may seem meet and make return thereof to the Grand Secretary.

Bro. W. Storer presented a petition from Portland Lodge, which was read by the Grand Secretary. On motion, VOTED, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

The following motion by the R.W. Josiah Bartlett was VOTED, That on the representation of Portland Lodge, the Grand Secretary be directed to state an account against Portland Lodge, agreeably to the Old Regulations, up to the present time; and that from this time, their dues be charged agreeably to the New Regulations.

A petition was presented through R.W. Edward Goodwin from Mrs. Sarah Peters, widow of Brother Alexander Abercrombie Peters; which being read, on motion, it was VOTED, That fifteen dollars be paid out of the Treasury to Edward Goodwin, to be applied to the relief of said petitioner.

A communication was received from Harris Lodge, respecting the malconduct of Joshua Moore and of his being expelled from that Lodge; on motion, VOTED, That the doings of that Lodge are approved by this Grand Lodge and that his name be recorded on the Grand Lodge books as no longer worthy of the benefits of Masonry.

The following appointments were accepted, viz: Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris as proxy for Harris Lodge, Bro. Stephen Pynchon as proxy for Thomas Lodge.

The Grand Lodge closed in AMPLE FORM, to stand closed till the second Wednesday in July next, then to meet at Newburyport.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A MEETING OF GRAND LODGE at Newburyport, for the purpose of consecrating St. Mark's Lodge at that place, and for installing its officers, July 11th, A.L. 5804.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. JONATHAN GAGE	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. EDMUND BOWMAN	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS JACKSON	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Marshal.
Bro. THOMAS TURNER	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOSEPH W. REVERE	Grand Stewards.
Bro. JOHN MAY, JR.	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge, met by appointment at the house of the R.W. Jonathan Gage, District Deputy Grand Master of 2d District, was opened in AMPLE FORM. A procession, in Masonic arrangement, was formed and moved to Masons Hall where St. Mark's Lodge had already convened.

The officers of that Lodge were then duly examined, their By-Laws read and records examined, which were well approved by the M.W. Grand Master, and the necessary cautions given. A joint procession was then formed and marched in Masonic order, accompanied by an excellent band of music.

The public exercises were opened by an appropriate piece of music, composed for the occasion by Brother Holden, and performed by a numerous choir of singers, many of which were ladies, and the band of music.

A solemn and fervent prayer was addressed to the Great Architect by the Rev. and R.W. George Richards, of Portsmouth, and a sensible and pertinent sermon was delivered by the Rev. and W. Brother Morse, of Newburyport. The M.W. Master then

proceeded to the performance of the Masonic services and ceremonies of the day, which were occasionally interspersed with solemn and cheerful music, hymns, etc., agreeably to the direction of the M.W. Master. The officers of St. Mark's Lodge were then severally invested with their proper jewels and received their special admonitions, and a charge from the Grand Master, and a benediction pronounced by the Rev. Brother Willard closed the exercises. The house was crowded with an assemblage of gentlemen and ladies of taste and fashion from the town and the towns adjacent. A reverse procession was then formed and repaired to the place from whence they came, where an elegant entertainment was provided by St. Mark's Lodge; at which were present a number of Past Grand Officers, many of the reverend Clergy, a great number of visiting Brothers from neighboring Lodges, and the civil officers of the town. The Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, who had previously been invited by the M.W. Grand Master, honored him with their presence on this occasion and cheerfully united in the procession, festival and other transactions of the day. It was pleasing indeed to witness, at the meeting of two Grand Lodges of two such important States, the mutual salutations of friendship and Brotherly love, as well as their reciprocal gratulations on the progress and ameliorations of Masonry in their several States. The Grand Lodge then took leave of St. Mark's Lodge, visitors, etc., and, in company with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, retired to R.W. Brother Gage's, attended with the band of music; and the Most Worshipful Isaiah Thomas was pleased to close the Lodge till the 2d Monday in September next.

The whole of the proceedings of this day were conducted with that order and harmony which will forever characterize Free and Accepted Masons.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR.

Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Vila's Hotel, No. 17 Court Street, on Monday 10th September, 5804.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT . .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOHN MAY, JUN. . . .	1st Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOSEPH W. REVERE	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. WILLIAM EATON .	Grand Tyler.

Past Grand Officers—R.W. Paul Revere, R.W. Wm. Little, R.W. Timothy Whiting, Esqs.

REPRESENTATIVES.

Brothers EDMUND BOWMAN	of	Rising States Lodge.
JOB DREW . .		Massachusetts Lodge.
JACOB FISHER . . .		Trinity Lodge.
ABEL LAWRENCE . .		Essex Lodge.
MELZAR HOLMES . .		King Solomon's Lodge.
ABIJAH HARRINGTON	for	Hiram Lodge.
JOHN WESTON . .		Mount Moriah Lodge.
JOHN BARKER .		Mount Lebanon Lodge.
EDWARD W. BAXTER		Union Lodge.
ABIJAH DRAPER . .		Constellation Lodge.
WILLIAM BOND . .		Meridian Lodge.
JOHN BROCK . .		Union 5, Nantucket Lodge.
ALEXANDER ORROK .		King Hiram Lodge.

A letter was read from Saco Lodge, at Pepperellboro', enclosing the proceedings of that Lodge at a special meeting, held the 12th July, 5804, to consider certain complaints of malconduct, exhibited against W—— F—— and M—— T——, members of said Lodge; and on a just and candid scrutiny and investiga-

tion of facts and testimonies, well attested and supported, it appeared they both had been guilty of bigamy and other crimes. Whereupon, it was VOTED, To expel the said F—— and T—— from Saco Lodge and report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That this Grand Lodge do now approve the transactions of Saco Lodge, and fully confirm their vote of expulsion against the said W—— F—— and M—— T——.

R.W. Jno. Brock, Jun., admitted as proxy for Union Lodge, No. 5, Nantucket.

The committee on the subject of a Masonic Hall, not being ready to report this evening, specially enjoined to report the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. B. Russell and R.W. Bro. Edmund Bowman be a committee to appoint the most eligible place for the meeting of this Grand Lodge, the next Quarterly Communication.

The following report by the committee on the numbers and the grades of all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction was accepted unanimously, viz:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, raised at the Quarterly Communication in December last, and augmented at the Quarterly Communication in June last, to ascertain the dates of the charters of the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction and to report on the expediency of arranging them in numerical order according to their rank, ask leave to report: That they have ascertained the dates of the charters of all the Lodges and are fully of opinion, that justice and equity require that they take rank in Grand Lodge agreeably to the seniority of the dates of their charters, in conformity to the schedule that accompanies this report.

That the Rising States Lodge, being formerly St. Andrew's and so received under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, by mutual agreement, on the express condition of enjoying the rank of St. Andrew's Lodge, does, of right rank with the date of the original charter of said Lodge.

And whereas great inconveniences have arisen, on account of the numerical arrangement of some Lodges, your committee are

farther of opinion, that all numbers, now existing in the designation of Lodges, shall be abolished.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Signed,

TIMOTHY WHITING,
BENJ. RUSSELL,
WILLIAM LITTLE,
ALLEN CROCKER,
PAUL REVERE,
} Committee.

N.B. This report was unanimously accepted.

A petition was presented from William King and others, in the town of Bath, county of Lincoln, for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town, by the name of Solar Lodge. VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners be granted.

By the Most Wfl. Master's direction, the Grand Lodge was then closed to meet at Quincy, county of Norfolk, the 19th inst., at 9 o'clock in the morning for the purpose of consecrating Rural Lodge, and installing its officers.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Here follows a list of the Lodges and their rank, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, agreeably to the preceding report and the vote of this evening, with the dates of their charters.

Names	Towns where held	Dates of Charters
SAINT JOHN'S	Boston	July 30, 5733.
RISING STATES	Boston	Nov. 30, 5752.
PORTLAND	Portland	March 20, 5762.
SAINT JOHN'S	Newburyport	July 17, 5766.
TYRIAN	Gloucester	March 2, 5770.
MASSACHUSETTS	Boston	May 13, 5770.
UNION	Nantucket	May 27, 5771.
SAINT PETER'S	Newburyport	March 6, 5772.
PHILANTHROPIC	Marblehead	Jan. 14, 5778.
TRINITY	Lancaster	—— 30, 5778.
WARREN	Machias	Sept. 4, 5778.
UNITY	Ipswich	March 9, 5779.
KING SOLOMON	Charlestown	Sept. 5, 5783.
FRIENDSHIP	Williamstown	July 23, 5785.

Names	Towns where held	Dates of Charters
Essex	Salem	June 2, 5791.
King Solo. in Perfec.	Holmes' Hole, Vineyard	———. 5791.
Lincoln	Wiscasset	June 1, 5792.
Old Colony	Hanover	Dec. 10, 5792.
Federal	Blandford	Dec. 10, 5792.
Morning Star	Worcester	March 11, 5793.
Hancock	Castine	June 9, 5794.
Franklin	Cheshire	June 9, 5794.
Republican	Greenfield	Dec. 9, 5794.
Columbian	Boston	June 8, 5795.
Middlesex	Framingham	June 8, 5795.
Evening Star	Lenox	Oct. 10, 5795.
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington	Dec. 9, 5795.
King Hiram	Truro	Dec. 14, 5795.
Kennebec	Hallowell	March 15, 5796.
Fayette	Charlton	March 15, 5796.
Washington	Roxbury	March 17, 5796.
Union	Dorchester	June 13, 5796.
Harmony	Northfield	June 13, 5796.
Thomas	Monson	Dec. 13, 5796.
St. Paul's	Groton	Jan. 31, 5797.
Jerusalem	South Hadley	June 13, 5797.
Adams	Wellfleet	June 13, 5797.
Tuscan	Columbia	June 13, 5797.
Bristol	Norton	June 14, 5797.
Fellowship	Bridgewater	June 15, 5797.
Corinthian	Concord	June 16, 5797.
Montgomery	Franklin	June 16, 5797.
Olive Branch	Oxford	Sept. 13, 5797.
Meridian Sun	Brookfield	Sept. 13, 5797.
Hiram	Lexington	Dec. 11, 5797.
Meridian	Watertown	Dec. 13, 5797.
Eastern Star	Rehoboth	March 12, 5798.
Marine	Falmouth	March 13, 5798.
Mount Moriah	Reading	March 14, 5798.
Social	Ashby	March 16, 5798.
King David	Taunton	June 12, 5798.
Rising Star	Stoughton	Dec. 9, 5799.
Mount Zion	Hardwick	March 11, 5800.
Amity	Camden	March 10, 5801.
Mount Lebanon	Boston	June 8, 5801.
Fore Fathers' Rock	Plymouth	June 8, 5801.
Fraternal	Barnstable	June 8, 5801.
Pacific	Sunderland	June 8, 5801.
Aurora	Leominster	June 8, 5801.

Names	Towns where held	Dates of Charters
EASTERN	Eastport	June 8, 5801.
RURAL	Quincy	June 8, 5801.
SINCERITY	Partridgefield	Sept. 14, 5801.
SUMNER	Dennis	Sept. 15, 5801.
UNITED	Topsham	Dec. 14, 5801.
CORNER STONE	Duxbury	Dec. 14, 5801.
CONSTELLATION	Dedham	March 12, 5802.
MERRIMACK	Haverhill	June 14, 5802.
HARRIS	Athol	June 14, 5802.
SACO	Pepperellborough	June 16, 5802.
RISING VIRTUE	Hampden	Sept. 13, 5802.
CHARITY	Mendon	June 13, 5803.
WISDOM	West Stockbridge	June 13, 5803.
PYTHAGOREAN	Fryeburg	June 13, 5803.
CUMBERLAND	New Gloucester	June 13, 5803.
WASHINGTON REM'B'D	New Bedford	Sept. 12, 5803.
SAINT MARK'S	Newburyport	Sept. 14, 5803.
SHEFFIELD	Sheffield	Dec. 13, 5803.
ORIENTAL	Bridgetown	June 14, 5804.
SOLAR	Bath	Sept. 14, 5804.

Lodges under this Jurisdiction out of the Commonwealth.

AMERICAN UNION	Marietta, Ohio	Feb. 15, 5776.
SAINT JOHN'S	Stabrock, Demarara	June 8, 5801.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE assembled at Quincy, county of Norfolk, for the purpose of Consecrating Rural Lodge, and the installation of its officers, by direction of the Most Wor. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, September 19th, A.L. 5804.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
R.W. EDMUND BOWMAN .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
W. BENJ. EATON .	Cor. Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL .	Grand Marshal.
W. ROBERT G. SHAW	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW . . .	1st Grand Steward.
W. STEPHEN FRANCIS .	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON .	Grand Tyler.
W. JON'A WILLINGTON	Bearer of Holy Writings.

The Grand Lodge was convened at a Brother's house, being an Hotel, at Quincy, and was there, in an appropriate room, opened in AMPLE FORM. On notice by a committee from Rural Lodge that they were ready to receive the Grand Lodge, a procession was formed and moved to Masons Hall, attended with a band of music. The M.W. then examined the By-Laws and records of Rural Lodge and investigated the qualifications of its officers. The two Lodges then, united, formed a second procession and moved to the meeting-house, in that town, where the exercises and ceremonies of consecration and installation were publicly performed, before an uncommon number of spectators of both sexes.

The devotional parts of the performances were a sermon by the Reverend Mr. Whitney, of Quincy, occasional prayers and a solemn benediction by the R.W. and Rev. Thaddeus M. Harris, of Dorchester, Grand Chaplain, Pro. Tem. The procession,

reversed, returned again to the hall where an excellent and plenteous dinner was prepared by Rural Lodge. The Grand Lodge was honored with the company of John Adams, Esq., late President of United States; the Hon'ble John Quincy Adams, the Hon'ble Cotton Tufts; a number of Grand Officers from Rhode Island and Boston; several of the Reverend Clergy and the municipal officers of the town. After a number of toasts and songs, applicable to the occasion, and other festive demonstrations, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

List of the Officers of Rural Lodge, installed at Quincy.

R.W.	Jonathan Wales, Jr.	Master.
W.	Lemuel Bracket	Senior Warden.
W.	Thomas French, Jr.	Junior Warden.
Bro.	Sam'l Spear	Treasurer.
"	Jon. Derby	Secretary.
"	Wyman Baxter	Senior Deacon.
"	Joshua Niles	Junior Deacon.
"	Daniel Spear	1st Steward.
"	Jacob Niles	2nd Steward.
"	Theophilus Thayer	Tyler.

Attest:

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDINGS OF A DEPUTY GRAND LODGE, at Sheffield, the 27th day of May, A. Lucis 5804, assembled at the house of Brother Aaron Kellogg, to constitute Sheffield Lodge, by direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master.

PRESENT.

R.W. CALEB HYDE	D. Dy. Gd. Master in the Chair.
R.W. WALKER DEAN	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. DANIEL CHAPPELL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. OLIVER BELCHER, JUN.	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ELISHA NORTHROP	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOSEPH TUCKER	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL BARSTOW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. ASA HILLER, JUN.	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM A. JUDSON	1st Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL ROSSETTER	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW ROBINSON	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Brethren of Sheffield Lodge, being assembled at the place aforesaid, after the usual ceremonies, formed a procession and moved to the meeting-house, preceded by a band of music. The exercises were publicly performed. A sermon well adapted to the occasion was preached by the Reverend Ephraim Judson; there was occasional solemn and cheerful music during the performances, both vocal and instrumental. Consecration took place in Masonic order and regular installation of the officers of Sheffield Lodge. They returned in Masonic arrangement and partook of a generous entertainment at the expense of Sheffield Lodge. The Grand Lodge then retired and closed in DUE FORM; pleasure and innocence closed the day.

Attest: JOSEPH TUCKER,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

Consecration of Masons Hall, at Groton.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge was held, in the town of Groton, county of Middlesex, for the purpose of consecrating a new Hall, erected by St. Paul's Lodge, on the 18th September, Anno Lucis 5804. The Lodge was opened in Due Form and organized in the following manner, vizt:

R.W. Timothy Bigelow	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Timothy Whiting . . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Henry Fowle . . .	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
Jonathan Gage . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
John B. Hammatt	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Edmund Bowman . . .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Rev. Brother Bede . . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bros. White and Howard . .	Grand Deacons, *pro tem.*
W. Eaton and Billings . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Houseman . .	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
Bros. Brown and Abbot .	Pursuivants, *pro tem.*
Bro. John Knowles	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Grand Lodge, thus arranged, accompanied with St. Paul's Lodge, proceeded to the new hall, where an eulogium was deliver'd by the Right Wor. Bro. Prescott, on the Principles of Masonry. The hall was consecrated in Due Form. An oration was deliver'd by Brother Peabody and the Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Attest: John B. Hammatt,
Grand Secretary.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was held at Amherst, County of Hampshire, for constituting Pacific Lodge, by permission of the M.W. Grand Master, on the 5th day of September, A.L. 5804.

Present.

R.W. Solomon Vose	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Daniel Stebbins	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. John Stone	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John Bennett	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Lemuel Foster	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Ebenezer Hunt, Jr.	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Enoch Pond	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Rufus Graves	Grand Marshal.
R.W. William Wait	Book of Constitutions.
R.W. Edward Houghton	Holy Writings.
Bro. Elijah A. Ward	Grand Senior Deacon.
Bro. Sam'l Prentice	Grand Junior Deacon.
" Calvin Mann	1st Grand Steward.
" Asahel Pomroy	2nd Grand Steward.
" Charles Chapman	Grand Sword Bearer.
" Harvey Frink	Grand Tyler.

After the officers of Pacific Lodge were duly examined and approved by Deputy Grand Master, and their Master placed in the Chair of Solomon, and the necessary cautions given, a procession was form'd in Masonic order, and moved to the meeting-house, preceded by an excellent band of music. The exercises were introduced by an appropriate piece of music, performed by a large choir of singers; then followed a fervent and devout prayer by the Rev'd Brother Pond; then a hymn by the singers, after which a judicious and pertinent discourse from these words: "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in Unity." The Masonic services were then performed, duly interspersed with solemn music by the band; and closed by a charge by the R.W. Solomon Vose. A hymn was sung by the choir and a benediction by the Grand Chaplain and the procession then returned to the hall.

The Deputy Grand Lodge, after having interchanged salutations, took their leave of Pacific Lodge, and visiting Brethren, returned to their room and closed their Lodge without day.

They then sat down to an elegant entertainment provided for them, at which were present many of the first characters of the town and the neighboring clergymen. After having drunk several Masonic toasts [the Brethren] separated and repaired to their respective dwellings.

The transactions of the day were concluded with that harmony, love and order, which are the true characteristics of Free Masonry.

Attest: SOLOMON VOSE, D. G. M.

EBENEZER HUNT, JR., G. S., Pro Tem.

GRAND LODGE of the Most Ancient and Hon'ble Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at Concert Hall, the 10th December, 5804.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	1st Steward.
Bro. JOHN MAY, JUN.	2nd Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with the R.W. Past Grand Officers; the District Deputy Grand Masters of 1st, 2d, 3d, 5th, 6th and 11th Districts and the R't W'f Representatives of the following Lodges, under the Jurisdiction:

St. John's (Boston), Rising States, St. John's (Newburyport), Tyrian, Massachusetts, Philanthropic, Trinity, King Solomon, Republican, Columbian, Middlesex, Evening Star, Cincinnatus, King Hiram, Fayette, Washington, Union of Dorchester, Thomas, St. Paul's, Corinthian, Montgomery, Hiram, Meridian, Marine, Mount Moriah, Social, King David, Aurora, Rising Star, Mount Lebanon, Fore Fathers' Rock, Eastern, Rural, Sumner, Constellation, Harris, Charity, Wisdom, Washington Remembered, St. Mark's, together with proxies of other Lodges.

The Grand Lodge being opened in AMPLE FORM, prayers were offer'd up to the Divine Architect by the Grand Chaplain.

A petition was presented by R.W. Jona. Gage, from the surviving members of Unity Lodge, at Ipswich, and read. The petition set forth the deranged situation of that Lodge, by the rea-

son that a very small number of the members of the Lodge now existed, owing to a variety of causes, and the impoverished state of their funds and consequent inability to pay their dues to the Grand Lodge; and praying to be released from paying said dues; and still to have leave to retain their charter and make an attempt to revive said Lodge and to place it on a respectable footing, etc., there being a fair prospect of success, should they have their petition granted, and it should be their duty, and would be their desire, in future strictly to conform to all the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and to exert themselves to do what should be most honorable to the Craft. Whereupon, VOTED, That a committee be chosen to consider said petition and report this evening. R.W.'s Shubael Bell, Laughton and Russell were chosen accordingly.

A petition from Tyrian Lodge was presented and also another from Warren Lodge and on motion, VOTED, That they be both committed to the committee above mentioned.

The committee retired from Grand Lodge, on these subjects, and shortly after returning laid the following report before the Grand Lodge: That the arrearages of Unity Lodge be remitted to the present date, on condition that the said Lodge is re-organized regularly before, and duly represented in, Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Meeting in June next.

Respecting the petition from Tyrian Lodge, your committee having heard evidence on the subject, recommend in consideration of the extraordinary relief afforded by that Lodge for a long series of years, to the poor and indigent, that the arrears of quarterages be remitted to this date, on condition that Tyrian Lodge pay to the District Deputy Grand Master, on or before June next, all the fees due for Initiates since the adoption of the late Regulations of the Grand Lodge. And your committee recommend, that the Grand Lodge remit to Warren Lodge the fees of Initiation due previously to the adoption of the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

This report was read and accepted.

A memorial was presented from the R.W. Thad's M. Harris, which was read and a committee of three appointed to take the same into consideration. The committee were R. Wfl. Brothers

Jno. D. Dunbar, Simon Elliot and Thomas Dennie, who reported as follows: That it be recommended to the several District Deputy Grand Masters, under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, to interest themselves in their several Districts in favor of the sale of R.W. Brother Harris' Masonic Sermons, and that they recommend to each Lodge to purchase four or more copies.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to request the several District Deputy Grand Masters to attend to this report.

A petition was presented from King Hiram Lodge, praying leave to hold their meetings in Provincetown, instead of Truro, as designated in their charter. A committee of three were appointed to consider the said petition, who reported in favor of the prayer of the petitioners. The petition was granted, on the consideration that that Lodge hold their future meetings at Provincetown and there only. The committee were R.W. John D. Dunbar, R.W. Timo. Whiting, and R.W. John Boyle.

The committee, on the subject of ways and means for building a hall for the meetings of the Grand Lodge, and the good of the Fraternity, made report; which report being read by the Grand Secretary, and largely and candidly discussed, produced the following:

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to make application to the Legislature, for an Act to incorporate the Officers of this Grand Lodge and their successors, so far as to enable them to hold real estate sufficient whereon to build a hall in which to hold their meetings, etc. The following were chosen a committee, vizt: Hon'ble Jonathan Maynard, Hon'ble Woodbury Storer, Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Hon'ble Perez Morton and the Hon'ble John Locke, Esq.

On motion, Voted, That farther proceedings on the important subject of a hall, in which every Mason in the Commonwealth must feel interested, be postponed to the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary report that they have attended that duty and find the accounts of both officers

correctly stated, well vouched, and right cast, and that there remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer 1163 dollars, to the credit of Grand Lodge and subject to their control.

R.W. Bros. Russell, Boyle and Bowman were chosen a committee to determine what compensation shall be made to the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, for their services for the year past, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

The District Deputy Grand Masters who were present, and others by letter, made returns from their several Districts. The communications were interesting and satisfactory. The good order and regularity which pervades the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, must be pleasing to every Brother, and produce the happy effect of restoring the ancient respectability of the Fraternity and secure the approbation of the Just and Good.

A number of communications were received, read and acted upon, and the usual business, previous to the choice of officers, was completed.

Agreeably to the Constitution, the election for the choice of officers for the Grand Lodge for the ensuing year now took place.

A committee of three, vizt: R.W. Bro. Whiting, Russell and Scollay were appointed a committee to collect, sort and count the votes.

The Most W. Grand Master retired, and the Rt. Worshipful Deputy Grand Master took the Chair.

Grand Officers elected for A.L. 5805.

The votes were taken for a Grand Master, when it appeared that M.W. Isaiah Thomas was unanimously elected again; and he was accordingly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

A committee was then appointed to wait on the M't W'l Grand Master and inform him of the choice of the Grand Lodge, vizt: R.W. Bros. Whiting, Soley, Harris, Boyle and Bowman, who, attended by the Grand Marshal, performed that service and returned with the M.W. Grand Master to the Lodge; and re-conducted him to the Chair of Solomon.

The choice of the other officers, pointed out by the Constitution, was then attended to, when, on examining the votes, the following Brethren were declared unanimously elected, vizt:

R.W. Timothy Bigelow	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John Soley	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.

Grand Officers appointed for A.L. 5805.

The M't W'l Grand Master was then pleased to appoint as follows, vizt:

Present.

R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Edward Goodwin	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John B. Hammatt Bro. John May, Jr.	Grand Stewards.
W. Thos. Redman Bro. Samuel Nye	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.

who were all proclaimed in the Lodge by the Grand Marshal.

On motion, Voted, That the committee, appointed at the last Quarterly Communication, be still invested with the power to appoint the most suitable place for the Grand Lodge to hold their next meeting.

After the usual business was completed, prayers were again addressed to the throne of the Deity by the Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

District Deputy Grand Masters for A.L. 5805, appointed by the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, vizt:

For 1st	District	R.W. John Boyle, of Boston.
2d	ditto.	R.W. Jonathan Gage, of Newburyport.
3d	ditto.	R.W. John D. Dunbar, of Plymouth.
4th	ditto.	R.W. Seth Padelford, of Taunton.
5th	ditto.	R.W. Timothy Whiting, of Lancaster.

For 6th District R.W. EBEN'R H. PHILLIPS, of Charlton.
7th ditto. R.W. SOLOMON VOSE, of Northfield.
8th ditto. R.W. CALEB HYDE, of Lenox.
9th ditto. R.W. WOODBURY STORER, of Portland.
10th ditto. R.W. GEORGE ULMER, of Lincolnville.
11th ditto. R.W. JOHN COOPER, of Machias.
12th ditto. R.W. WILLIAM COFFIN, of Nantucket.

The following Brethren were appointed Grand Chaplains, vizt:

Rev. JOHN MURRAY, of Boston. Rev. JAMES MORSE, of Newburyp't.
Rev. ASA EATON, of Boston. Rev. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM, of Gerry.
Rev. JOHN PIPON, of Taunton.

and for the Masonic Districts in Maine

Rev. Bro. JACOB HERRICK, of Durham.
Rev. Bro. THURSTON WHITING, of Warren.

List of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as districted, vizt:

FIRST DISTRICT.

ST. JOHN'S .....Boston.
RISING STATES .....Boston.
MASSACHUSETTS .....Boston.
KING SOLOMON .....Charlestown.
COLUMBIAN .....Boston.
WASHINGTON .....Roxbury.
UNION .....Dorchester.
HIRAM .....Lexington.
MERIDIAN .....Watertown.
MOUNT MORIAH ..... Reading.
MOUNT LEBANON .....Boston.
RURAL .....Quincy.
CONSTELLATION ..... Dedham.

SECOND DISTRICT.

ST. JOHN'S .....Newburyport.
TYRIAN .....Gloucester.
ST. PETER'S ..... Newburyport.
PHILANTHROPIC ..... Marblehead.
UNITY .....Ipswich.
ESSEX .....Salem.
MERRIMACK .....Haverhill.
SAINT MARK'S .....Newburyport.

THIRD DISTRICT.

OLD COLONY .....Hanover.
KING HIRAM .....Provincetown.
ADAMS .....Wellfleet.
MARINE .....Falmouth.
FORE FATHER'S ROCK ..Plymouth.
SUMNER ..... Dennis.
FRATERNAL .....Barnstable.
CORNER STONE .....Duxbury.

FOURTH DISTRICT.

BRISTOL ..... Norton.
FELLOWSHIP .....Bridgewater.
MONTGOMERY .....Franklin.
EASTERN STAR .....Rehoboth.
KING DAVID .....Taunton.
RISING STAR .....Stoughton.

FIFTH DISTRICT.

TRINITY .....Lancaster.
MIDDLESEX ..... Framingham.
ST. PAUL'S .....Groton.
CORINTHIAN ..... Concord.
SOCIAL .....Ashby.
AURORA .....Leominster.

SIXTH DISTRICT.

MORNING STAR ..... Worcester.
FAYETTE .....Charlton.
THOMAS .....Monson.
OLIVE BRANCH ..... Oxford.
MERIDIAN SUN .....Brookfield.
MOUNT ZION .....Hardwick.
HARRIS .....Athol.
CHARITY .....Mendon.

SEVENTH DISTRICT.

FEDERAL .....Blandford.
REPUBLICAN .....Greenfield.
HARMONY .....Northfield.
JERUSALEM .....Northampton.
PACIFIC .....Amherst.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

FRIENDSHIP .....Williamstown.
FRANKLIN .....Chester.
EVENING STAR ..... Lenox.
CINCINNATUS ..Great Barrington.
SINCERITY ..... Partridgefield.
WISDOM ..... West Stockbridge.
SHEFFIELD .....Sheffield.

NINTH DISTRICT.

PORTLAND .....Portland.
LINCOLN ..... Wiscasset.
KENNEBEC.....Hallowell.
UNITED .....Topsham.
SACO .....Pepperellboro'.
PYTHAGOREAN .....Fryeburg.
CUMBERLAND ....New Gloucester.
ORIENTAL .....Bridgetown.
SOLAR .....Bath.

TENTH DISTRICT.

HANCOCK .....Castine.
AMITY .....Camden.
RISING VIRTUE .....Hampden.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WARREN .....Machias.
TUSCAN ..... Columbia.
EASTERN ..... Eastport.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

UNION .....Nantucket.
KING SOLOMON IN PERFECTION.. Holmes' Hole.
WASHINGTON REMEMBERED.... New Bedford.

The following communication was received from Rising States Lodge, vizt:

Agreeably to the communication from the Grand Lodge of the 11th of June, 5804, respecting the circumstances of W—— F——, formerly a member of this Lodge, they have maturely considered and voted as follows, vizt: In consequence of the deep contrition of W—— F——, formerly a member of this

Lodge, and expelled therefrom; of his acknowledgment of the heinousness of his fault, and of the justice of the sentence of expulsion; and being actuated by that principle of benevolence which ought to characterize Masons in holding out forgiveness and repentance, that this Lodge do so far reconsider this vote of 23d February, 5803, as to recommend that the said F—— be admitted to the privileges and consolations of a Mason; and that this vote be transmitted to the Grand Lodge.

The Yeas and Nays being taken thereon, it was affirmed—twenty-five being in favor of the vote and five against it.

Extract from the records of the Rising States Lodge.

Signed, JOSEPH CLARK,
Secretary.

W. Amos Lincoln was admitted proxy for Wisdom Lodge, Bro. Thomas Carey for St. Peter's Lodge, Newburyport.

The following memorial was communicated this evening, vizt:

The Memorial of Thaddeus M. Harris to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, humbly showeth, That presuming upon the encouragement of a considerable list of subscribers, he published a volume of discourses, defending and illustrating the principles of Freemasonry; and took upon himself the whole expense, by which he considerably embarrassed his circumstances; and now, though the volume has been published more than four years, through the failure of subscribers and other contingencies, he has not been able *to sell enough to answer the actual expense of publication.* Letters have been written to the Lodges under this Jurisdiction and to most of the Grand Lodges in the United States, enclosing a printed sheet of extracts from commendatory reviews of the work in this country and in Great Britain. And many of these exertions have been unsuccessful. Several Lodges, to whom the books have been transmitted, have made no returns and some have sent the books back. Amidst much mortification and disappointment, the subscriber now applies to the Grand Lodge, for whose kindness to him, on many occasions, he feels the most grateful sensibility, requesting of them a recommendation to the several District Deputy Grand Masters, to interest themselves in favor of a work whose design is to favor and defend the cause of Freemasonry. Could the

several Lodges under this Jurisdiction be induced to take only four each, the undercharged expense and trouble of the publication would be fully remunerated.

Hoping the Grand Lodge will excuse the freedom of this application, he subscribes himself with great respect and lively gratitude,

Their Most Affectionate Advocate and Member,

THADDEUS M. HARRIS.

The following report was submitted:

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in December, 5803, to devise ways and means for building a handsome Masonic Hall in the town of Boston, for the use of the Grand Lodge and the Lodges under its Jurisdiction, report, as follows:

That it is highly probable the several Lodges in this Commonwealth will cheerfully aid in the accomplishment of this most desirable object, by loaning to the Grand Lodge a sum of money to be repaid them as hereafter mentioned.

As every Lodge will partake of the honor, the respectability and the real advantages, which will result from having a convenient hall in which to hold their Quarterly Communications and other necessary meetings of the Fraternity, there can be no doubt that every Lodge, besides a loan to the Grand Lodge, will readily contribute, according to its ability, a certain sum as a gift to promote the necessary undertaking.

The loan, your committee suppose, may average, at least, one hundred dollars from each Lodge, which would now amount to.....	$8200.00
From the funds of each Lodge, 25 dollars as a gift, may be expected, which would amount to.....	2200.00
From the funds of the Grand Lodge, in due time, might be raised.....	3000.00
A subscription from individuals, as a gift, perhaps	4000.00
Loans from individuals to the Grand Lodge, your committee suppose, might be raised.....	5000.00
	$22400.00

The loans from individual Lodges to be repaid in installments, yearly, by a deduction of a certain part of the dues to the Grand Lodge.

The loans of individuals to be repaid, eventually, from the funds of the Grand Lodge; interest to be paid annually; and if necessary some method might be adopted to secure the principal.

Your committee propose that a subscription paper should be draughted by the Corresponding Grand Secretary, and printed, with two columns against the subscribers names; one column for the sum given, the other column for sum loaned, with an introductory address to the Brethren generally, informing of the necessity of building a handsome hall, the advantages that will be derived therefrom to the Craft and requesting the aid of every Brother capable of affording it, to effect this so desirable an object.

Your committee recommend that a large and respectable committee should be chosen, from the Brethren in all parts of the Jurisdiction, to circulate such a subscription paper and exert themselves to obtain individual subscriptions for donations and loans.

Your committee further recommend that a circular letter, to be drafted by the Corresponding Grand Secretary, with a printed subscription paper, somewhat similar to the one above mentioned, should be sent to every Lodge in the Commonwealth, to obtain loans and donations.

Signed, ISAIAH THOMAS, G. M.
SIMON ELLIOT, D. G. M.
TIMOTHY BIGELOW, S. G. W.
JOHN SOLEY, J. G. W.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was held at Fryeburg, York County, for constituting Pythagorean Lodge.

Present.

R.W. Woodbury Stober .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. William Symmes . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. Eli Longley . .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Sam'l Farnsworth .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Oliver Bray . . .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. William Moody . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. Sam'l Moody . .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. James Codman .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. M. Little . . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Sam'l Smith	
R.W. & Rev. Jacob Herrick . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. Andrew Spring	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
W. Joseph E. Foxcroft .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Bro. Thomas Buckminster	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form.

The necessary business having been attended to, the Deputy Grand Lodge moved in procession to the Lodge-room of the new Lodge. On their entering, the Brethren of the new Lodge retired and the officers of the Deputy Grand Lodge occupied their places.

Agreeably to the Rules of the Institution, R.W. Brother Symmes proceeded to examine the Master-elect and reported him to be a Master Mason and well skilled in the mysteries of the Art.

A Lodge of Past Masters was then opened and the Master of the new Lodge was placed in the Chair of Solomon, with the usual ceremonies. The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed in order. The new Master avouched for the other officers, that they were Master Masons.

At 12 o'clock a procession of about one hundred Masons was formed, with the Deputy Grand Lodge in the rear, and proceeded to the meeting-house, where the ceremonies of consecration and of installation were performed as follows:

Music.

A prayer by the Reverend William Fessenden.

A sermon by the Rev'd Brother Jno. Turner.

Music.

The charter read by the Deputy Grand Secretary.

Consecrating prayer by the Rev'd Grand Chaplain.

Ancient charges rehearsed by the Deputy Grand Secretary.

The new Master invested by R.W. Bro. Wm. Symmes.

The Secretary and Treasurer, by Oliver Bray.

The other officers by the new Master, Judah Dana.

The new Lodge was then register'd in the Deputy Grand Lodge books, by the name of Pythagorean Lodge, and proclaimed three times by the Deputy Grand Marshal.

The ceremonies were concluded by a solemn, affectionate and truly Masonic address by R.W. Woodbury Storer.

The procession then returned to the hall, provided for the occasion, and partook of an elegant entertainment, after which the Deputy Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form, agreeably to ancient usages, and the Brethren retired duly impressed with the solemn transactions of the day.

Extract from records.

Attest: Oliver Bray,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

Portland 28th January, 5805.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was holden at Bridgetown, county of Cumberland, on the 19th of October, A.L. 5804, by direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, for the purpose of constituting Oriental Lodge.

Present.

R.W. Woodbury Storer .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. William Symmes .	Dis. Dy. Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. Jeremiah Hill . .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Judah Dana	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Oliver Bray	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. Wm. C. Little . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Bro. Michael Little .	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. Israel Smith .	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
Bro. Seth Spring . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Bro. Philip Page .	
R.W. & Rev. Jacob Herrick .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bro. Joseph E. Foxcroft .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" Thomas Buckminster	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
" Philip Eastman . .	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Lodge open'd in Due Form at 11 o'clock; moved in procession to the Lodge-room of the new Lodge: after the ceremonies usual on such occasions, the Master-elect was examined by the R.W. Bro. Symmes and reported to be a Master Mason well skilled in the mysteries of the Art.

He having avouched for all his officers, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in order and the Master-elect placed in the Chair of Solomon with the usual forms. The Past Masters' Lodge was then closed in order and a procession was formed, with the Deputy Grand Lodge in the rear, and moved to the meeting-house, where the ceremonies of consecration and installation were performed as follows:

Music.
Prayer by the Rev'd John Turner.
Oration by Bro. Jno. D. Hopkins of Portland.
Charter read by the Grand Secretary.

Consecrating prayer by the Rev'd Grand Chaplain.
Solemn Music.
The new Lodge was dedicated by the Grand Chaplain.
Ancient charges rehearsed by the Grand Secretary.
Investments.
The Master-elect by R.W. William Symmes.
The Sen. Warden and Secretary by R.W. Bro. Hill.
The Jun. Warden and Treasurer by Bro. Judah Dana.
The residue by Brother Oliver Bray.

The new Lodge was then register'd in the Deputy Grand Lodge books, by the name of Oriental Lodge and proclaimed three times by the Grand Marshal.

The ceremonies were completed by an appropriate address from the R.W. Woodbury Storer. The procession returned to the hall prepared for the occasion and partook of suitable refreshment. The Brethren then retired and the Deputy Grand Lodge closed in Due Form, agreeably to ancient usages.

Extract from records.

Attest: Oliver Bray,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was held at Hallowell, county of Lincoln, on the 25th October, 5804, by permission of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, for the constituting Kennebec Lodge. The following Brethren were present, vizt:

M.W. Woodbury Storer . . .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. Matthew Cobb	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. Oliver Bray	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. Hayden . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form and proceeded to the Lodge-room of Kennebec Lodge, where to their astonishment they found only seven Brethren collected, so that when the officers of Kennebec Lodge were requested to retire for the purpose of examination, the Grand Lodge were left entirely alone. In this situation the Deputy Grand Lodge took into consideration the propriety of proceeding in the installation. Their situation was peculiar and no Brother present could recollect any precedent where a Deputy Grand Lodge had been called together for the purpose of installation and had retired without performing the ceremony. Yet, after due deliberation, it was Voted, unanimously, That it is not the duty of this Grand Lodge to proceed any further in the examination, or installation. Also, Resolved, That Kennebec Lodge at Hallowell had been guilty, as appears from the testimony of several respectable Brethren, of very improper conduct for a long time past, and that they receive a reprimand for the same by the Deputy Grand Master present.

The Brethren of the new Lodge were then recalled and, after being reprimanded agreeably to the above resolve, the Deputy Grand Lodge retired and closed in Due Form.

Extract from the records.

Attest: Oliver Bray,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

True copy,
John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

The whole of the proceedings of the Deputy Grand Lodge and vouchers of the un-Masonic conduct of Kennebec Lodge, on several occasions, being laid before the M.W. I. Thomas, Grand Master, he was pleased to approve of the doings of the Deputy Grand Lodge, by R.W. W'y Storer.

On the 25th day of October, A.L. 5804, the R.W. W'y Storer, in his official capacity as District Deputy Grand Master for the ninth District, in the State of Massachusetts, visited Lincoln Lodge at Wiscasset. The records were duly examined and a copy of their By-Laws taken, for the inspection of the Grand Lodge. From all appearances this Lodge appears to be in a very respectable and flourishing situation.

Attest: OLIVER BRAY,

Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

At a Deputy Grand Lodge held at Castine, the 12th of November, 5804, by permission of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, for the purpose of constituting Hancock Lodge, the following Deputy Grand Officers were present, vizt:

R.W. George Ulmer . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
Bro. Erastus Fowle	D. Sen. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. Hezekiah French	D. Jun. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. John Wilson . . .	Deputy Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
Bro. Thomas Phillips . .	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Rev. Bro. Thurston Whiting . .	Deputy Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bro. Philip Ulmer . . .	Deputy Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*

The Deputy Grand Lodge being opened in Due Form, and the ceremonies proceeded in, agreeably to ancient usage, the Right Worshipful David Howe was duly installed Master of Hancock Lodge and the other officers in their proper order. The Deputy Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Extract from the proceedings, as recorded by Brother Ulmer in his Deputy Grand Master's book. (Vide his letter on file.)

Attested copy, John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was held at Hampden, the 27th day of November, A.L. 5804, by permission of the Mt. Worshipful Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, for the purpose of consecrating The Rising Virtue Lodge, and installing its officers.

Present.

R.W. George Ulmer	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. Gabriel Johonnot [Special] .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W. Job Chamberlain . . .	D. Sen. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Barzillai Rich	D. Jun. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Bradshaw Hall	Deputy Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. Thurston Whiting . .	Deputy Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. Thomas Phillips	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

The Lodge being opened in Due Form, the ceremonies were proceeded in, agreeably to ancient usage, and the Rt. Worshipful Elisha Skinner was installed Master of Rising Virtue Lodge; and the Deputy Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form.

Extracted from R.W. Geo. Ulmer's letter.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

On the evening of the 15th of January, 5805, Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by order of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, visited St. John's Lodge, in Boston, convened for this purpose at Bro. Tilley Whitcomb's, Concert Hall, when the following Grand Officers were

PRESENT.

R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW . .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS DENNIE . .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN FOWLE . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL .	Grand Marshal.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JAMES THOMPSON . .	Grand Master of the Grand Lodge at New Hampshire.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	D. D. G. M. of 1st District.
R.W. JOHN D. DUNBAR . .	D. D. G. M. of 3d District.
R.W. JOHN BRAZER . . .	P. M. of Rising States Lodge.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN MURRAY . .	Gr. Chaplain of G. Lodge, Mass.

Having assembled in a hall, adjoining St. John's Lodge-room, the Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM. The Grand Lodge was then formed in procession by the Grand Marshal, and marched, attended by a band of music, to St. John's Lodge. The R.W. Timothy Bigelow, placed in the Chair of Solomon, examined the records of St. John's, inspected their By-Laws and sanctioned and approved the same.

The Grand Master Pro Tem. was pleased to attend the rehearsal of the Entered Apprentice's Lecture, which met his entire approbation.

An address on the principles and tendency of the Masonic Institutions was handsomely delivered by W. Bro. Wm. Stack-

pole, Jr., which address, together with all the proceedings of St. John's Lodge this evening, were much applauded by all the Grand Officers present. The Grand Lodge again marshaled, returned to their appointed hall and was closed in Due Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE was held at Bro. J. Vila's, Court Street, Boston, on the evening of the 11th March, 5805. The following Brethren composed the Grand Lodge:

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL .	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN JACKSON .	1st Grand Steward.
W. AMOS LINCOLN	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. JOHN BOYLE .	D. D. G. M. 1st District.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	D. D. G. M. 5th District.
R.W. WOODBURY STORER	D. D. G. M. 9th District.
R.W. & Rev. EZEKIEL L. BASCOM	Grand Chaplain 9th District.
R.W. WILLIAM LITTLE .	Past Grand Warden.

together with the representatives of twenty-seven Lodges.

The following report was presented by the committee chosen for that purpose at the last Quarterly Communication, viz:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the subject of compensation to the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, for their services in the year 5804, state, that they have attended the duty assigned them; have examined the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretaries' books and ascertained the services performed by the said Secretaries. And, though the services of the Recording Secretary appear to have been increased the last year, they, nevertheless, ask leave to report that the Grand Recording Secretary receive for his ser-

vices, two hundred dollars, and the Grand Corresponding Secretary, fifty dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted by the committee.

BENJ. RUSSELL,
JOHN BOYLE,
EDWARD BOWMAN.

This report was accepted unanimously.

The committee chosen in December last to draft a petition to the General Court for leave to purchase a spot of land for the purpose of erecting a Masonic Hall, reported that they had attended to that important business and that their petition had been unsuccessful.

On motion, it was VOTED, unanimously, That the same committee be still invested with authority to pursue and to use their utmost endeavors to obtain, so desirable an object, at the next General Court; and that they report at the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That the committee chosen in December last, to provide a suitable place for the meeting of this Grand Lodge, be continued in that office during the present year; and that their report to meet at Vila's this evening be accepted.

W. Sam'l Bradlee was admitted proxy for Pythagorean Lodge.

A subject was originated by R.W. Woodbury Storer for adopting a uniform mode of working among all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and after much debate and discussion, it was VOTED, unanimously, To submit the whole direction of the subject to the Most Worshipful Isaiah Thomas, Esq.

The committee appointed to form a device for the jewel of the R't W'l Deputy Grand Masters, consisting of R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Edmund Bowman and R.W. Henry Fowle, reported a design which met the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and it was then VOTED, That they be desired to furnish it to the Grand Treasurer, who is directed to procure the jewels and collars for the present District Deputy Grand Masters, to be by them transmitted to their successors in office, until further orders of the Grand Lodge shall be had thereon.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge at Brother James Vila's, No. 17 Court Street, Boston, on the evening of the 10th of June, A.L. 5805.

Present.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas .	Grand Master.
R.W. Timothy Bigelow .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Soley . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. William Little	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Amos Lincoln .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. John Proctor .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Henry Fowle .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Charles P. Sumner	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Edward Goodwin	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. John B. Hammatt	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. Thomas Redman	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
Rev. & W. Bro. John Murray .	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. & W. Asa Eaton . .	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Jonathan Gage	D. D. G. M. 2nd District.
R.W. Solomon Vose .	D. D. G. M. 7th District.
R.W. Woodbury Storer .	D. D. G. M. 9th District.
R.W. George Ulmer	D. D. G. M. 10th District.
R.W. William Coffin	D. D. G. M. 12th District.
R.W. William Scollay	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. William Little	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Josiah Bartlett .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. Thomas Edwards	Past Master.

and the representatives of above twenty Lodges.

Bro. Samuel Brewer was admitted proxy for Harmony Lodge.

Bro. Abijah Powers was admitted proxy for Mount Zion Lodge.

Two petitions were presented this evening for charters, one from a number of Brethren at Cambridge, county of Middlesex, for a Lodge by the name of Amicable Lodge; the other from a number of Brethren at Lynn, county of Essex, for a Lodge by the name of Mount Carmel Lodge, both of which were granted.

On motion, VOTED, That no student, belonging to the University at Cambridge, can be admitted or initiated into Amicable Lodge, without the consent of the Most Worshipful Grand Master.

A petition from the R.W. Hezekiah Prince and others, for leave to hold a Lodge at Thomaston, District of Maine, by the name of Orient Lodge, was opposed by R.W. Geo. Ulmer, District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th District, and others. It was VOTED, To postpone the consideration of it until the next Quarterly Communication; also that a committee be appointed to examine into the grounds of the opposition and report at that time. The committee consisted of R.W. Thomas Edwards, R.W. Benj. Russell and R.W. William Little.

Boston 10th of June, 5805.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A Deputy Grand Lodge was holden at Falmouth, Barnstable county, on the 7th day of July, 5805, for the consecration of Marine Lodge.

Present.

R.W. John D. Dunbar	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. William Ross	Deputy Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. Peleg Jenne	Deputy Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. Kelley Merrihew	Deputy Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Joseph Tripp	Deputy Grand Secretary.
R.W. William Hathaway	Deputy Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W. Lincoln Long	Deputy Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Barney Smith W. Ephraim Nye	Deputy Grand Stewards.
W. Obed B. Nye	Deputy Grand Marshal.

The officers of Marine Lodge were duly installed and the Lodge was constituted in Due and Ancient Form and the Ancient Charges and Benedictions given. The Lodge then attended Divine Service. After this they partook of an elegant dinner, at which they enjoyed that peculiar flow of soul which belongs only to Masons.

Attest: Joseph Tripp,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

A DEPUTY GRAND LODGE was held at New Bedford, by direction of the Most Worshipful Master Isaiah Thomas, 3d of September, 5805, for the purpose of constituting Washington Remembered Lodge.

PRESENT.

R.W. WILLIAM COFFIN	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN D. DUNBAR	District Deputy Grand Master.
Bro. FRANCIS WEEKS . . .	Deputy Grand Senior Warden.
Bro. HENRY BIDDLE	Deputy Grand Junior Warden.
" THOMAS SPOONER . . .	Deputy Grand Secretary.
" SAMUEL COFFIN	Deputy Grand Treasurer.
" WILLIAM NICKELS	Deputy Grand Senior Deacon.
" EBENEZER WATTS	Deputy Grand Junior Deacon.
" CALVIN CROMBIE	Deputy Grand Marshal.
" JOHN BUNKER	Deputy Grand Tyler.
" WILLIAM RAWSON	Bearer Holy Writings.
" BENJAMIN BROWN	Bearer Great Lights.

The Deputy Grand Lodge, being duly formed, proceeded to constitute and consecrate Washington Remembered Lodge, and install its officers in ancient form.

After which, a procession was formed and proceeded to the Congregational meeting-house attended by several of the Rev'd Clergy and a number of respectable gentlemen of the town of New Bedford and the towns adjacent, accompanied with a very good band of music.

A discourse well adapted to the occasion was delivered by the Reverend Mr. Holt.

The performances at the meeting-house being ended, the procession returned to the hall and partook of an excellent dinner; after which the Deputy Grand Lodge retired and closed in DUE FORM. The spectators on this occasion were numerous and great order and decorum prevailed during the day.

Attest: THOMAS SPOONER,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE, held at Vila's Hotel, Boston, on the evening of the 10th September, A.L. 5805.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. JNO. B. HAMMATT	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	D. D. G. M. 5th District.
R.W. JNO. D. DUNBAR	D. D. G. M. 3d District.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	D. D. G. M. 1st District
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Past Grand Senior Warden.

with the representatives of seventeen Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

VOTED, That the following Brethren be appointed a committee to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and the Grand Secretary for the past year, vizt: R.W. Bros. Joseph Laughton, Benj. Russell, Edw'd Bowman.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the several Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, of the necessity of their renewing or appointing their proxies annually.

On motion of R.W. Bro. Russell, VOTED, That a communication from the Grand Lecturer be read, which being done, it was farther VOTED, That the Grand Master be directed to caution the Grand Lecturer against exercising any authority beyond his instructions; and to continue to discharge the duties of his office agreeably to the commission he has received.

On motion, VOTED, That the proceedings of the M.W. I. Thomas, Grand Master, and other Grand Officers, in the appointment of a Grand Lecturer for the instruction of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, meet the fullest approbation of this Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That a standing committee be chosen to enquire into, and inspect from time to time, the administration of the Grand Lecturer in his mission from the Grand Lodge, and that the committee make report at the next Quarterly Communication. The committee chosen were R. W'ls Benj. Russell, Timothy Whiting, Shubael Bell, Henry Fowle, Edmund Bowman.

The committee appointed at the Communication, last June, to inquire into the expediency of granting a Lodge at Thomaston, agreeably to the petition of R.W. H. Prince and others, but opposed by R.W. Bro. Ulmer and others, produced the following report:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to enquire into the grounds of the opposition by Geo. Ulmer and others, against the petition of H. Prince and others for a charter, etc., have attended the duty assigned them, and do not find that the opposition is continued.

They have heard the agent for the petitioners and another Brother on the subject and are of opinion, should the opposition not be brought forward this evening, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted.

Signed,

THOMAS EDWARDS,
BENJ. RUSSELL, } Committee.
WILLIAM LITTLE,

On motion, VOTED, That [the] foregoing report be accepted and Hezekiah Prince, etc., have leave to erect a Lodge in Thomaston by the name of Orient Lodge.

A petition was presented, through the R.W. and Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, from Thomas Gibson and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Chillicothe, State of Ohio, by the name of Sciota Lodge, which was granted unanimously.

Admitted as proxies.

R.W. Wm. Bond for Kennebec Lodge at Hallowell.
W. John Jackson for Warren Lodge at Machias.
W. John B. Hammatt, Union Lodge at Nantucket.

R.W. Solomon Vose, having since the last Quarterly Communication, signified his wish to resign his office as District Deputy Grand Master for the 7th Masonic District, [and] intended to remove out of the District, the Most Worshipful Grand Master accepted his resignation, thanked him for his faithful services in behalf of the Grand Lodge and was pleased to appoint the R't Worshipful Brother Daniel Stebbins in his stead.

Communications from the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons in England and other parts of Europe have been regularly received for two years past, also from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, Canada and the several Grand Lodges of the United States for the present year; also returns from American Union Lodge of Marietta, under this Jurisdiction.

In consequence of a power vested in the M't W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, at the Quarterly Communication in March, 5805, to use such ways and means as he should judge most proper to establish a uniform mode of work in the several degrees of Masonry in ancient form and manner, the M't W'l Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge, that, to carry into effect this important object, he had appointed Brother Benj. Gleason, P.M., Grand Lecturer and Instructor; and that he had contracted with him to visit all the Lodges in the Commonwealth under the Jurisdiction, and to instruct them in the ancient mode of labor, etc.

The M't W'l Grand Master prepared and had printed a circular address to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction, which address was signed by himself, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master and the R't W'l Wardens; and duplicate copies thereof are to be forwarded to every Lodge, by the said Grand Lecturer and Instructor.

The following is a copy of the address.

From the East, the West and the South of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

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(Signed)
ISAIAH THOMAS,
Grand Master.

To the R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters, R.W. Masters and W'l Wardens and other Officers and Members of the Several Lodges in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

WHEREAS great and serious inconveniences have arisen, and continue to arise, to our Most Ancient and Honorable Fraternity from the rude, imperfect, and in many instances, erroneous Lectures and modes of work, in many of our Lodges, and the respectability and credit of every Lodge demand, that those inconveniences should be removed as speedily as possible; and, whereas many officers of Lodges and other very respectable Brethren, in various parts of this Commonwealth, have earnestly requested the Grand Lodge to establish a regular and uniform mode of Masonic labor, in all the degrees; and that, the most excellent and highly valued Lectures belonging to these degrees, and which diffuse true Masonic light and information to the Craft, may be taught in all the Lodges, invariably and agreeably to the ancient forms and venerated Land Marks of the Fraternity;—

And, whereas the Grand Lodge, ever attentive to promote the welfare and happiness of the respective Lodges, and particularly desirous to meet the united wishes of their Brethren, by correcting the errors in working, and remove the just complaints in consequence thereof, and to establish uniformly the ancient mode of labor, in the several degrees of Masonry, did, at the Quarterly Communication in March, 5805, by a unanimous vote, empower the M't W'l Grand Master, Isaiah Thomas, Esqr., to use such ways and means as he should judge would best accomplish this important object. In consequence of this vote, our said M't W'l Grand Master, having with a number of present and past Grand Officers examined our worthy Brother Benj. Gleason, Past Master, etc., and finding him an excellent workman in ancient manner and form, and well skilled in the several

degrees of Masonry, has appointed him, our said Bro. Gleason, Grand Lecturer and Instructor: and that the errors complained of may be thoroughly corrected, the evils resulting from those errors effectually removed and a uniform method of working and lecturing in ancient manner completely obtained; our M. Worshipful Grand Master has commissioned and directed our s'd Bro. Gleason to visit all the Masonic Districts in this Commonwealth, and carefully and seasonably to notify the several R't W'l Masters and W'l Wardens of the Lodges in said Districts, to meet at such times and at such places or Lodge-rooms, in each District, as may be convenient; then and there diligently and carefully to communicate from us to such R't W'l Masters and W'l Wardens and to such officers and members of Lodges as may by said R.W. Masters and W'l Wardens be selected (or chosen by the Lodges to attend on the occasion) such lessons and instructions in the ancient mode of Masonic labor, in the several degrees of Enter'd Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, with the regular mode of opening and closing the Lodge on those degrees; and, also, such illustrations by lectures of the ancient principles and usages of our Honorable Fraternity, as have been sanctioned by past and present Grand Lodges and Grand Masters in Europe and in the United States, and approbated and adopted by us, being according to the old Constitutions.

And he is also to communicate from us to such R't Wor. Masters, whom it may concern, the mode of installing, etc., new elected Masters and other officers of Lodges, as approbated and sanctioned by us.

And the said Grand Lecturer and Instructor is enjoined to continue his lessons and instructions at each meeting in a District, or parts of Districts, as the case may be, for six days successively, Sundays excepted, or longer if needful to accomplish the necessary instruction; but not to exceed twelve days in any one place.

And the said Grand Lecturer and Instructor is further required to take and keep an accurate list of the names of the R't W'l Masters, and W'l Wardens and all others appointed by them or chosen by the Lodges to attend, and who do attend his

Lectures, etc.; and to keep an accurate account of the time he is employed in his District, or parts of Districts, and of all sums of money he may receive from the Lodges as compensation for his services; and to make return thereof, with an account of his proceedings, etc., to the Recording Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, in the month of August, in the year of Christ 1806, and of Masonry 5806, or sooner if the business committed to him is completed, and at all other times when required thereto by us.

We therefore request of, and recommend it to you, R. Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, R.W. Masters, and Worshipful Wardens and other officers and members of the several Lodges in this Commonwealth, to aid and assist to the utmost of your power, our said Grand Lecturer and Instructor in the discharge of the important duties of his office.

We trust that you, R't W'l Masters and W'l Wardens of Lodges, will duly notice the information to be given you, of the time and place of meeting.

We believe you will cheerfully embrace an opportunity long desired by all good Masons, of establishing within this Jurisdiction a regular and uniform mode of working as a means of strengthening the attempt of restoring the sublime Art to its original excellence.

The diffusion of the genuine ancient principles of our order will display the Wisdom, Strength and Beauty of Masonry, and it must add to your felicity, as members of our extensive Fraternity, and as men, to cultivate those principles in their highest perfection in the Lodges where you have the honor to preside.

You will, therefore, with alacrity attend to the lectures and instruction that may be offered you and make yourselves fully and completely acquainted therewith.

The R't W'l Masters and Worshipful Wardens of Lodges, or the Lodges at regular and special meetings, will, immediately on receiving notice from the Grand Lecturer and Instructor of the time and place of meeting, have such members of their respective Lodges to attend with them, the said Masters and Wardens, at said meeting, as are most likely to receive and fully to

impress on their memories, the words and spirit of their lectures, etc., that they may readily communicate them to other members of their Lodges and enable the whole to become expert workmen and valuable Masons.

It is expected the Grand Lecturer and Instructor by strict punctuality and attention will complete his visits in one year from the 1st of August 5805; he will be entitled to a reasonable compensation for his services,—the part, to each Lodge, of that compensation will be but small considering the importance of the object; and that small compensation, the Grand Lodge have no doubt, will be readily paid him at the time of his ending his services, etc., in the place where he gives them, that he may be enabled with facility and satisfaction to proceed on his mission. His compensation will average about 15 dollars from each Lodge.

Recommending to your kind attention our worthy Brother in this his truly arduous undertaking, we are, R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters, Right Worshipful Masters and Worshipful Wardens and Officers and Members of the several Lodges in this Commonwealth with great esteem and Masonic affection,

ISAIAH THOMAS, G.M.
SIMON ELLIOT, D. G. M.
JOSEPH LAUGHTON, S. G. W., P. T.
JOHN SOLEY, J. G. W.
Committee.

Attest: THADDEUS M. HARRIS,
Cor. Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the M't Worshipful Grand Master's Commission to the Grand Lecturer and Instructor, vizt:

From the East of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master.

To our R't W'l and Worthy Brother Benjamin Gleason, P.M., etc.

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Signed,
I. THOMAS,
Grand Master.

I do, by these presents and by virtue of the power vested in me by the Grand Lodge, appoint you Grand Lecturer and Instructor, and hereby direct and require you to visit all the Masonic Districts in this Commonwealth, and carefully and seasonably to notify the several R't Worshipful Masters and Worshipful Wardens, of all Lodges in the said Districts, to meet at such times and places, Lodge-rooms or other rooms in each District as may be convenient; then and there diligently and faithfully to communicate from us to the said R. W'l Masters and Worshipful Wardens and to such officers and members of Lodges as may by such R.W. Masters and W'l Wardens be selected, (or chosen by the Lodges to attend on the occasion) such lectures and instructions in the ancient mode of Masonic labors, in the several degrees of Enter'd Apprentice, Fellow-Craft and Master Mason, with the regular mode of opening and closing the Lodges on those degrees; and also such illustrations by lectures of the ancient principles and usages of our Honorable Fraternity as have been sanctioned by past and present Grand Masters and Grand Lodges in Europe and in the United States, and approbated and adopted by us, being according to the old Constitutions.

You are also to communicate from us to said R't W'l Masters, whom it may concern, the mode of installing, etc., new elected Masters, and other officers of Lodges, as approbated and sanctioned by us.

And you, our said Grand Lecturer and Instructor, are hereby enjoined to continue your lectures and instructions at each meet-

ing in a District, or parts of a District as the case may be, for six days successively, Sundays excepted, or longer if needful to complete the necessary business of instruction, but not to exceed twelve days in each place.

And I do further require of you, our said Lecturer and Instructor, that you take and keep an accurate list of the names of all the R't W'l Masters and W'l Wardens, and all others appointed by them or chosen by Lodges to attend your lectures and instructions, and to keep an accurate account of all sums of money you may receive from the Lodges as compensation for your services; and to make return thereof, with an account of your proceedings, etc., to the Grand Recording Secretary of the Grand Lodge, in the month of August next, being in the year of Christ 1806, or sooner if the business committed to you is completed, and at all other times when required thereto by us.

We have recommended and do hereby recommend you to the R't W'l District Deputy Grand Masters, R't W. Masters, and Worshipful Wardens, and other officers and members of the several Lodges in this Commonwealth, and request them to aid and assist you to their utmost in the faithful discharge of the important duties of your office.

In testimony whereof I have caused the seal of the Grand Lodge to be affixed hereto and have set my name under the same this twenty-second day of July, in the year of Christ 1805, and of Masonry 5805.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The foregoing is
a copy.

PRIVATE INSTRUCTIONS

of the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Grand Lecturer and Instructor and acceded to and signed by him, vizt:

From the East of the Grand Lodge, July 22d, A.L. 5805.

1st. The Grand Lecturer to be employed one year from August 1st, 5805, at which time he is to begin his lectures and instruction.

2d. To receive not more than 1200 dollars for his services and find himself in everything if paid by the Lodges; but if any part of his salary is paid by the Grand Lodge he is to receive only 1000 dollars and find himself as before mentioned.

3d. To meet a representative of all the Lodges under this Jurisdiction within the Commonwealth in the year.

4th. To give an invariable course of instruction.

5th. To teach a uniform mode of work, in ancient form, etc.

6th. To represent the mode of initiating, passing and raising; and installing Masters of Lodges, etc.

7th. To continue his lectures and instructions for six days successively in one place and longer, if necessary to complete his instructions, but not to exceed 12 days in one place.

8th. To be diligent and faithful.

9th. To meet at such time and place as may be convenient to the Lodges to be instructed.

10th. To notify the R't W'l Masters and Worshipful Wardens officially and seasonably of the time and place of meeting and requesting their attendance and the attendance of such officers or other members as they may appoint, or the Lodges choose, for this occasion; and the Grand Lecturer is to send to each Lodge duplicate copies of the addresses of the M't W'l Grand Master and R. W'l Grand Wardens and duplicate notices of the time and place of meeting.

11th. To keep a regular account of all monies and give receipt therefor to the Lodges from which he receives them.

12th. To have the deficiency of 1000 dollars made up by the Grand Lodge, if he receives from all the Lodges less than that sum.

13th. To refund all monies received from the Lodges over twelve hundred dollars, that it may be returned to the Lodges.

14th. To meet in Lodge-rooms if possible, but wherever the meetings may be, to be cautious and certain of security; and to have as many representatives of the Lodges in the District as can be convened and accommodated.

15th. Every meeting to be in a Lodge-room, centrally situated as may be for the convenience of the Lodges notified to attend at it.

16th. The Grand Lecturer to be allowed reasonable time to pass from one District to another.

17th. He is to make up all time employed in his own affairs or lost.

18th. He is not to take up time in his own affairs unless from urgent necessity, that the business of his mission may be completed as soon as the nature of it will admit.

19th. He is to be careful that no person or Brother is present who has not received the degree on which he is to lecture or instruct.

20th. He is to inform the Brethren of the modes of receiving visits from the Grand Lodge or from the M.W. Grand Master, or his Deputy, which modes he will receive from the Grand Marshal.

21st. He is not to insist in, but to endeavor to persuade to, an attendance of the Brethren to his lectures.

22d. When neither Masters of Lodges nor Wardens can attend his lectures, Master Masons, appointed by the Masters or Wardens or chosen by the Lodges for the occasion, must suffice.

23d. The Grand Lecturer will impress on the minds of the Brethren the necessity of not permitting political conversation to take place in their Lodges; and by no means to countenance any debates or conversation on politics or religion among the Brethren at, before or after his lectures.

24th. Should any difficulty arise among the Brethren respecting him, or his mission, or his mode of work, etc., he will aim to conciliate and by an affectionate, amiable deportment endeavor to obtain their esteem and confidence; and patiently explain to them what may need explanation; and always guard against dissensions in any form whatever.

25th. To remind the Brethren at every new meeting for lecturing, of the necessity of an edifice to be erected for the meeting of the Grand Lodge, of which every Lodge is a part; the dignity of the Craft in general and the honor of every Lodge in particular is interested in this measure, and every Brother having the good of the Fraternity in view will be desirous to promote it, by placing the Fraternity, in this instance, on as respectable a footing as it is in other States in the Union and elsewhere, etc.

I, Benjamin Gleason, being appointed Grand Lecturer and Instructor, fully agree to the above Articles, and all others mentioned in my commission, and not herein specified, and promise to conform to the same to the utmost of my power.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my name, the day and year above written,

Signed, BENJAMIN GLEASON.

The foregoing is a true copy.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The following is a copy of the Certificate given by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to the Grand Lecturer, etc., for payment of his services, vizt:

From the East of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

By virtue of the power entrusted to me by the M't Worshipful Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts,

I have appointed Bro. Benjamin Gleason, Grand Lecturer and Instructor and hereby certify that for one year's services, to be faithfully performed by him, which services are generally enumerated in his Commission of this date and to commence the 1st of August next, the said Bro. Benj. Gleason bearing all his own expenses during said year, shall receive a compensation of one thousand dollars if any part of that sum is paid by the Grand Lodge aforesaid, and not more than twelve hundred dollars if the whole of said sum of 1200 dollars is paid by the several Lodges; he devoting his whole time and Masonic skill, during the period above mentioned, to the purpose of lecturing

all the Lodges in this Commonwealth under the Jurisdiction of said Grand Lodge, and instructing the members of those Lodges in the ancient mode of work, etc., as mentioned in his commission; said Bro. B. Gleason paying over to the Grand Treasurer, for the time being, whatever sum he may receive from said Lodges for his services more than twelve hundred dollars, in order that the surplus sum may be refunded to the Lodges that paid it.

Signed, ISAIAH THOMAS,
Grand Master.

Massachusetts, Masonic, 5805.
True Copy.
Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A Special Meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Plymouth, by direction of the M.W. Grand Master, on the 10th day of October, A.L. 5805, for the purpose of constituting Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge.

Present.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W. Joseph Laughton	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Francis Weeks	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. Owen Warland	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Jethro Hussey	Bearer Great Lights.
W. Studley Sampson	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Hardy E. Hitch	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John Brock, Jr.	Grand Stewards.
W. Kelby E. Merrihew	Grand Stewards.
W. Solomon Washburn	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Paul Curtis	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge assembled at the house of R.W. John D. Dunbar, near Masons Hall.

A committee from Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge were admitted, who announced that Lodge ready to receive the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge, attended by a band of music, proceeded to the hall, where were assembled, with the Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge, a great number of visiting Brethren from other Lodges in the vicinity.

The Grand Lodge being seated, the Grand Master declared the intention of the meeting. The charter, records and By-Laws, with the Master of the Lodge, were examined, sanctioned and approved. The most W'l Grand Master appointed a committee to retire with the R.W. Master to give him an obligation, etc., belonging to the Chair. The committee, having performed that duty, returned and the Most W'l Grand Master then proceeded to have the ancient charges given to the R.W.

Master, Jno. D. Dunbar, by the Grand Secretary. He was then installed in AMPLE FORM and placed in the Chair of Solomon with the usual ceremonies and received the salutations of his Lodge: the other officers of the Lodge were installed in the usual manner, after which the Lodge was consecrated with the usual solemnities, dedicated, etc.

A procession was then formed and moved to the meeting-house, the band accompanying. A sermon was delivered by the Reverend Grand Chaplain of the day and a charge to the Lodge by the M't W'l Grand Master. An appropriate ode was sung and several pieces of music performed. The assembly was brilliant and crowded; a large number of ladies honor'd it with their presence.

The services of the church being concluded, the procession again formed and moved to the hall, where a dinner suitable to the occasion was well served up; toasts and Masonic music succeeded and no accident occurred to mar or interrupt the harmony of the Brethren. The Grand Lodge retired at 5 o'clock and was closed in AMPLE FORM.

In the evening the Brethren of Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge gave an elegant ball, to which the Grand Master and Grand Officers were invited. About one hundred ladies were present and the first characters of Plymouth, and the towns adjacent.

Attest: OWEN WARLAND,
Grand Secretary, Pro Tem.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE was called, by direction of the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, at Vila's, the 28th October, 5805.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. JOB DREW	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

and a number of other Brethren.

The Most W'l Grand Master communicated to the Brethren the reason of their being called together, which was the death of the M't W'l Brother, John Cutler, Esq., Past Grand Master, and to know if it would be the pleasure of the Grand Lodge to attend the funeral, and to pay, to the remains of the deceased, Masonic honors.

The Brethren expressed their ready approbation of such a measure,

Whereupon on motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to wait on the family of the deceased, and to ascertain whether Masonic honors would be agreeable to them.

The M.W Josiah Bartlett, R.W. Brothers Scollay and Boyle were chosen the committee and waited on the family accordingly, and reported, that Masonic honors would be very acceptable to them and requested that the Grand Master would please to

appoint the day of interment and otherways direct as he thought proper on the occasion.

The Grand Master appointed Thursday next for the funeral, if fair weather; if not, the next fair day.

On motion, moved and seconded, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to prepare arrangements for the interment of our deceased M't W'l Brother, on Thursday next. R.W. Brothers Bartlett, Scollay, Boyle, Russell and Bell were accordingly chosen, and requested to retire, deliberate and report as soon as possible.

This committee reported, that the Most Worshipful Grand Master be requested to summon the members of the Grand Lodge to assemble on Thursday next at 2½ o'clock, P. M. at Trinity Church to attend the solemnities; that a procession in AMPLE FORM, with such regalia and decorations as the M't W'l Grand Master may direct, proceed from Trinity Church to the mansion house of the deceased with music, and attend the funeral to Trinity Church.

The funeral church service to be performed, at the request of the family of the deceased, by the Rev'd John Gardner. That a committee be appointed to prepare a band of music, and other necessaries for the occasion, and to assist the M't W'l Grand Master, etc.; that the Grand Master be empowered to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of the expenses, etc., etc.

Signed by R.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL,

Per order of the Committee.

This report was unanimously accepted.

In conformity to the foregoing report, the R't W'l Brothers Fowle, Bell and Brother John May, Jun., were chosen a committee to procure music and other necessaries for the funeral and to assist the M't W'l Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Brethren John Warren, Paul Revere and Josiah Bartlett, all Past Grand Masters, and the R't W'l Brothers William Scollay and Joseph Laughton, Past Deputy Grand Masters, and the Right W'l Mungo Mackay, Past Grand Warden, were chosen Pall Holders, and the R't W'l Brothers Crocker, Little and Dennie appointed a committee to wait on

them to request their attendance as such; to dress in black and wear cocked hats. White scarfs with black knots were directed to be provided for the Pall Holders, and new white gloves and plain aprons; and white crape as a mourning badge for each officer of the Grand Lodge, to be worn in the procession and on the lower left arm.

The Most Wfl. Grand Master also appointed a committee to wait on the Wardens and Vestry of Trinity Church for permission for the Grand and other Lodges to meet there, to form the procession, etc., on Thursday next. And a committee, vizt: R.W. H. Fowle, to wait on the Master and Wardens of St. Andrew's Lodge, and invite them, and the members of said Lodge, to attend the funeral.

Also a committee of two, vizt: R.W. Grand Wardens Bell and Fowle to invite the officers of the Grand Chapter to attend; and the officers and members of St. Andrew's Chapter in this town. The Grand Lodge then closed to meet at Trinity Church, at 2 o'clock on Thursday next.

THURSDAY, 31ST OCTOBER, A.L. 5805.

The Grand Lodge convened agreeably to appointment at the Vestry-room in Trinity Church.

The R.W. John Warren, Past Grand Master, having informed the Most Wfl. Grand Master that by reason of the death of his brother, Mr. Samuel Warren, this morning he should be unable to attend the funeral of the M.W. Bro. Cutler, as a Pall Holder, the M. Worf'l Grand Master appointed the R't W'l Bro. Samuel Parkman, Past Junior Grand Warden, in his room.

The committee chosen on Monday evening last all made report to the Most Worshipful Grand Master. Everything necessary for the funeral being prepared and a large number of Brethren attending, the Most W'l Grand Master directed the Grand Marshal to form the procession in the following order, vizt:

Two Grand Pursuivants,

with black rods, purple knots and white knots under them.

3d Marshal with a wand.

With Jewels.

- One Tyler of the oldest Lodge, with a sword.
- Two Tylers of the next oldest with swords.
- One Tyler of the next oldest with a sword.
- Two Stewards of the oldest Lodge, white rods, black knots.
- One Steward of the next oldest, white rod, black knot.

Entered Apprentices....2 and 2
Fellow Crafts.....2 and 2.
Master Masons.....2 and 2.

Stewards (if an odd one) to form a triangle with the last two with a white rod.

Junior Deacons
Senior Deacons
Secretaries
Treasurers
} with Jewels.

Past Wardens
Visiting Brethren, Strangers but Master Masons.

Second Marshal with a wand.

with Jewels.

- Junior Wardens.
- Senior Wardens.
- Past Masters.
- Royal Arch Chapters.
- Masters of Lodges.
- Tyler of St. John's Lodge with a sword,
- Stewards of Ditto white rods, black knots.
- St. John's Lodge, in usual order.
- Master of St. John's Lodge.

Note.—As the deceased was a Past Master and member of St. John's Lodge the officers and members of this Lodge are directed to wear, as a badge of mourning, black crape around the left lower arm.

Music 3 and 3.

Grand Tylers, with swords.

Grand Stewards, with proper rods, black knots under purple Do.

Past Grand Deacons.
Past Grand Secretaries.
Past Grand Treasurers.
Grand Corresponding Secretary.
Grand Treasurer and Sec'y.
Great Lights, on a black cushing, by an ancient Brother.
Past Grand Chaplains.
Grand Chaplains.
Officiating Clergyman and Clerk.
District Deputy Grand Masters.
Past Junior Grand Wardens.
Past Senior Grand Wardens.

Officers of the Grand Chapter.
Grand Junior and Senior Wardens.
Deputy Grand Masters.

Junior Deacon with a black rod, purple and black knots, on the left of the column. } 7 feet apart { Senior Deacon, black rod, purple and black knots, on the right of the column.

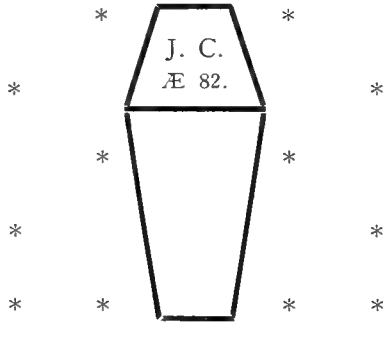
Golden Urn
covered with black crape on a purple cushion, borne by the oldest Past officer, before the Grand Master.

Grand Master.

Special Deacon with a rod as above. } Grand Sword Bearer. { Special Deacon with a rod as above.

Pall Holders with white scarfs. } { Pall Holders with white scarfs.

Bearers of the corpse in waiting.



Bearers of the corpse in waiting.

Note.—On the Pall over the coffin: 1st, a large sprig of acacia; 2d, jewel; 3d, gloves; 4th, an apron, all belonging to the deceased.

Relations,
Friends and Acquaintance,
Carriages.

The Masonic procession, being thus formed, moved with solemn music to the house of the deceased, where it was joined by

the corpse, the pall holders, and friends of the deceased, John Cutler, Esq. and a large number of carriages. The whole moved with solemnity, the music playing a funeral dirge, up School Street, through Tremont Street down Court Street, round the Old State House, through the upper part of Cornhill, through Marlboro Street, down Summer Street to Trinity Church. The Brethren opened to the right and left, and the corpse and the relations passed into the Church.

The M.W. Grand Master and the whole Masonic procession followed, while solemn music was playing on the organ.

The church funeral services, by the desire of the relations, as the deceased was a member of the church, was read by the Rev'd John Gardner. Solemn music proceeded from the organ and the band.

The acacia was deposited in the coffin, a sprig by each Brother, and followed by a concluding and well-adapted prayer by the Rev'd Brother Murray, the attending Grand Chaplain.

The officers of the Grand Lodge then retired into the Vestry-rooms, closed, unclothed and dispersed. The Brethren who formed the other parts of the procession, unclothed in the church and retired.

The Masonic procession was truly respectable; a very large number of Brethren attended; good order and great regularity were observed, and great satisfaction appeared to be expressed by thousands of spectators.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

In consequence of the attention paid to the remains of the late Most W'l Grand Master, John Cutler, Esq., the following letter was received from the family of the deceased, vizt:

BOSTON, 2d November, 1805.

MOST W'L GRAND MASTER AND RIGHT W'L BRETHREN OF THE GRAND LODGE:

Deeply impressed with a sense of gratitude for the respectful attention you were pleased to bestow at the funeral of our late Most Worshipful Master, John Cutler, Esq., deceased, the

family of the deceased beg leave to return their most sincere and unfeigned thanks for this honorable testimony of respect and affection for their late parent; and to you, honor'd Brethren, they feel particularly indebted for the early attention paid, in which everything has been so well conducted, being well acquainted with the affectionate, respectful and sincere regards the deceased bore towards the Fraternity.

The family feel highly gratified at the lively sense of grateful remembrance thus testified, and we feel ourselves highly honor'd in having an opportunity of assuring our honor'd Brethren that we are, with the most respectful regards,

Their truly affectionate Brothers,

(Signed.)

SAMUEL DUNN,
BENJ. CLARKE CUTLER.

At a Deputy Grand Lodge, held at New Gloucester, 24th of September, 5805, for the purpose of constituting Cumberland Lodge,

Present.

R.W.	Woodbury Storer	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W.	Levi Hubbard	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	Jeremiah Hill	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W.	Zebedee Cushman	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
W.	Oliver Bray	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W.	Elijah Hall	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
Rev. & W.	Jacob Herrick	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
Bro.	Samuel Robinson	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
"	John Holland	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
"	Henry Loring	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
"	James Codman	
"	Jesse Richards	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
"	J. Cummings	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
"	William Coffin	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

At 10 o'clock a Deputy Grand Lodge was opened in Due and Ancient Form agreeably to ancient usages. Due notice having been given, the officers of the new Lodge appeared in their Masonic clothing, with the badges of their respective offices. The new Master was then examined by the Deputy Grand Master, Pro Tem., and reported to be a regular Master Mason and well skilled in the Art. The new Master, having vouched for the other officers of his Lodge, retired with them to the Lodge-room. Proper arrangements having been made, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in Due Form.

Brother E. Whitman, Master-elect of Cumberland Lodge, was properly inducted to the Chair of Solomon with the solemnities usual on this degree.

At 12 o'clock a procession was formed and moved to the meeting-house.

The following solemnities were performed at the meeting-house:

Sacred Music,

An introductory prayer by the Reverend Elisha Moseley.

Sacred Music,
A sermon by the Rev'd Daniel Weston, and
the charter read by the Deputy Grand Secretary.
Consecrating prayer by the Rev'd Grand Chaplain.
The Lodge consecrated to the memory of St. John by the Grand Chaplain.
Ancient charges rehearsed by the Deputy Grand Secretary.
Investments.
The new Master by the R't W'l Woodbury Storer.
Wardens by R.W. Jeremiah Hill.
Deacons, Stewards, Tyler } by Right W'l Oliver Bray.

The Lodge proclaimed three times by the Grand Marshal, pro tem., and enrolled in the Deputy Grand Lodge books "Cumberland Lodge."

The ceremonies were concluded by a solemn address from the Deputy Grand Master. The procession returned and the Deputy Grand Lodge retired to their Lodge-room and there was closed in Due Form.

PROCEEDINGS OF A DEPUTY GRAND LODGE at Bath, county of Cumberland, the 6th of September, 5805, in constituting Solar Lodge, by direction of the M't W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esqr.

PRESENT.

R.W. WOODBURY STORER	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JEREMIAH HILL	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS M. CRATE	D. Sen. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. ABIEL WOOD, JUN.	D. Jun. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. OLIVER BRAY	Deputy Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. N. CALDER	Deputy Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH SPRAGUE	D. Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. SAMUEL PARKER	Deputy Junior Grand Deacon.
Rev. Bro. JACOB HERRICK	Grand Chaplain.
W. JOSEPH C. BOYD W. RUFUS WASHBURN	Deputy Grand Stewards.
Bro. HENRY CUMMINGS	Deputy Grand Marshal.
Bro. THOMAS WASHBURN	Députy Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. WILLIAM COFFIN	Deputy Grand Tyler.

At 10 o'clock, A. M., a Deputy Grand Lodge was opened in DUE FORM, agreeably to ancient usages.

Due notice having been given, the officers of the new Lodge appear'd before the Deputy Grand Lodge, clothed and jewel'd. The Deputy Grand Master, pro tem., then examined the Master-elect, and reported him right. The Master-elect vouched for the other officers of the Lodge [and] retired with them to their Lodge-room. The necessary arrangements having been made a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in DUE FORM, agreeably to ancient usages. Past Masters present opened a Lodge. R.W. William King, Master-elect of Solar Lodge, was inducted into the Chair of Solomon with the solemnities appertaining to the degree. The Past Masters Lodge was then closed in proper order agreeably to ancient usages.

At half-past 12 o'clock a procession was formed consisting of the Deputy Grand Lodge, Solar Lodge and visiting Brethren from the neighboring Lodges, which moved to the North Meeting-house attended with a good band of music; and the solemn

ceremonies of consecration and the installation of the respective officers were publicly performed.

The procession then returned to a hall provided for the occasion, where they were all furnished with suitable refreshment.

During the transactions of the day some irregularities were noticed in the conduct of Brother J—— B——, and some others, for which they were solemnly reprimanded by R.W. District Deputy Grand Master in presence of all the Brethren, for their improper and un-Masonic behavior.

The District Deputy Grand Master having given notice that a special Grand Lodge would be opened in the morning following, the Deputy Grand Lodge retired to their Lodge-room, accompanied with the band of music, and then closed in Due Form. Adjourned till the morning.

THE DEPUTY GRAND LODGE met by adjournment on the morning of the 7th September, A.L. 5805, at Bath.

PRESENT.

R.W. WOODBURY STORER	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JEREMIAH HILL	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS M. CRATE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. ABIEL WOOD, JUN.	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. OLIVER BRAY	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. NATH'L C. ALDEN	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH SPRAGUE	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. SAM'L PARKER	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
Rev. Bro. JACOB HERRICK	Grand Chaplain.
W. RUFUS WASHBURN	Senior Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
THOMAS WASHBURN	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
WILLIAM COFFIN	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

also, Rev'd Brother John Turner, W. John Hayden, Cornelius Thompson, W. D. Holden and W. Robert Strong.

This Lodge was convened and opened to make enquiry into the conduct of the officers and members of Kennebec Lodge, agreeably to the direction of the M't W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master; that Lodge having been accused of gross misconduct.

The Brethren of Kennebec Lodge, held at Hallowell, being duly summoned to appear before the Deputy Grand Lodge at this time and place, appeared by the following representation, vizt:

R.W. SAMUEL COLEMAN	Master of Kennebec Lodge.
W. JONATHAN BOND	Junior Warden of Kennebec L'ge.
Bro. JNO. SEWELL	Treasurer.
Bro. ELIAS BOND	Senior Deacon.
Bro. WILLIAM MORSE	Junior Deacon.
Bro. WILLIAM KENDALL	Steward.
Bro. HENRY CHAMBERLAIN	2nd Steward.
Bro. JESSE ROBINSON	Tyler.

After the Deputy Grand Lodge was duly organized, the R.W. Deputy Grand Master communicated the following documents, vizt:

To the R't W. Brethren of the Deputy Grand Lodge, met at Bath, on the 26th of November, [sic] A.L. 5805.

GREETING:

Whereas frequent communications have been made to me, representing that many of the members of Kennebec Lodge have conducted themselves, at different times, in such a manner as tends not only to bring disrepute on the Brethren of the Craft but also to destroy those beneficial and happy consequences which were designed as the proper fruits of the Masonic institution, I have, agreeably to the direction of the M't W'l Grand Master, convened you at this time; and have summoned the Master and Wardens of said Lodge to appear and make answer to the charges exhibited against them in the following Articles, vizt:

1st. That the Brethren of Kennebec Lodge, having met at a place called an Academy, did there, contrary to every principle of the Masonic Institution, proceed so openly and publicly while in the act of initiation, that the ceremonies were observed and heard by several persons in the neighborhood thereof; in consequence of which they publicly boasted of having both seen and heard all the transactions of the Lodge.

2d. That the Brethren of said Lodge, in violation of the most sacred injunctions, have, ever since the year 5799, met at a place so exposed to public scrutiny that all their private transactions might be distinctly heard and known; that notwithstanding they were repeatedly warned of their danger, no proper measure was taken to secure the same.

3d. That the Brethren of said Lodge, neglecting that caution so necessary to the interests of the Craft, have suffer'd persons (especially females) to approach so near the door of the Lodge that the transactions of the same were liable to become the subject of public notoriety.

4th. That the Brethren of said Lodge, disregarding their duty as members of the Fraternity, have used no endeavors to gain that knowledge of the principles of the Institution, which

is indispensably necessary to its existence; that they have permitted political disputes and other irregularities in this Lodge, contrary to the genius of Masonry and the express regulations thereof as expressed and contained in the Book of Constitutions, vide, Page 54.

5th. That the Brethren of said Lodge, unmindful of those principles of Brotherly love and affection which the Institution in a solemn manner inculcates, have become enemies to one another; and in consequence thereof have expelled from their Lodge many Brethren who had, for several years, been worthy members thereof, and refused to admit those whose regular life and conversation justly entitled them to the benefits and privileges of Masonry.

6th. That the Brethren have behaved in an improper manner in respect to their funds; that they have placed money in the hands of individuals and neglected to collect the same; that they have permitted one and the same person to hold both the offices of Treasurer and Secretary for several years without rendering any account of monies received. In consequence of which there has been no monies to furnish the Lodge with proper apparel and make the necessary provisions.

7th. That the Brethren of said Lodge, having been duly notified by the District Deputy Grand Master to meet for the purpose of consecration and installation, in contempt of his orders neglected to attend at the time appointed, so that when the Deputy Grand Lodge convened, seven only of their members made their appearance. All of which is contrary to the true spirit of ancient Masonry, and injurious to its prosperity.

WOODBURY STORER,
District Deputy Grand Master.

Copy of the Original.
Attest:

OLIVER BRAY,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

Copy of a letter directed to all the Masters and Past Masters of Lodges in the Ninth Masonic District.

PORTLAND, 26 August, 5805.

RIGHT W'L BRETHREN,—

The consecration of Cumberland Lodge at New Gloucester, and the installation of its officers, will take place on Tuesday the 24th day of September next; and the like ceremonies in Solar Lodge, at Bath, on the 26th of the same month. You are requested to attend and give your assistance in performing the solemn ceremonies, especially at Bath, as business of the utmost consequence to the Craft, respecting the conduct of a particular Lodge within this District, will be there made the subject of enquiry.

Your friend and Brother in Masonry,

WOODBURY STORER.

Copy of a letter directed to the Master and Wardens of Kennebec Lodge.

PORTLAND, 4th September, 5805.

R'T W. MASTER AND WARDENS OF KENNEBEC LODGE.

On the 26th day of the present month, Solar Lodge at Bath will be constituted and its officers installed, at which time you and the officers of your Lodge are requested to attend and make answer to such enquiries as there will be made, relating to any impropriety of conduct which now exists, or may have existed, in Kennebec Lodge; as complaints of this nature have been made respecting the same.

The Deputy Grand Lodge will be composed of all the Masters of Lodges in the District. You will bring with you your charter for examination. Fail not of your attendance.

Your friend and Brother in Masonry,

WOODBURY STORER,

District Deputy Grand Master.

To the foregoing complaint the Brethren of Kennebec Lodge made the following reply:

The officers and members of Kennebec Lodge beg leave to answer the charges brought against them, by the M't W'l Deputy Grand Master, in the following manner, to wit:

Article 1st. Though true it is that said Lodge, A.L. 5797, from the months of May to November, did meet at the hall of the Academy and initiated and crafted several worthy Brethren, yet the members of said Lodge believe that the same was so secure as to prevent any discoveries prejudicial to the Craft, and none of the secrets thereof have in this way been dissolved.

Article 2d. The charge contained in this Article, said Lodge can answer in no other way than by denying it; as they are unconscious of being insecure as therein represented.

Article 3d. This charge we also believe to be groundless.

Article 4th. As to the charge in this Article, said Lodge beg leave to state, that altho' they cannot boast of being a light of the first magnitude in the mystic hemisphere, yet they have uniformly endeavor'd to obtain information in the Art. They have not been unmindful of their duty as Masons, nor have they, in any instance, suffer'd political disputes or other irregularities in their Lodge.

Article 5th. In answer to this Article said Lodge affirm, that they are ignorant of the existence of any enmity between the members thereof. They have in no instance expelled a member, nor have refused admission to any, whose moral character entitled them to the benefits resulting therefrom.

Article 6th. In answer to the charge contained in this Article, said Lodge say that they have taken every precaution customary in such Institutions to preserve their funds. They annually selected a committee from the Brethren to examine and report the standing of their funds, which duty has in no instance been neglected, as by the files of said Lodge will appear; and that the Lodge has been regularly officered and apparaled.

Article 7th. As to the charge in this Article, said Lodge say that they are guilty and beg leave respectfully to state, that in extenuation of the offence, application was made to R.W. Deputy Grand Master to attend the installation of said Lodge in the month of September, A.L. 5804, but it was then inconvenient for him to attend; that on or about the 9th of October following, said Lodge had notice that the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master would attend that service, for the performance of said ceremony; but the notice did not arrive till a very few

days previous to the time appointed, and owing to the absence of several of the members and Brethren, and important business of others, it was found impossible to assemble a respectable number on so short notice, although all the Brethren within hailing distance were summoned to give their attendance.

By order of the Right W'l Master,

JOHN SEWELL,

Secretary, pro tem.

The foregoing documents having been read, the District Deputy Grand Master rose and addressed the Brethren as follows, viz:

Right Worshipful Brethren:

It is usual on all great and important undertakings, to address the Throne of Grace for guidance and direction. Let us therefore unite in prayer to the Grand Architect of the Universe for his aid and assistance in the solemn scene now before us. Accordingly the Grand Chaplain arose and performed this duty in an impressive and devout address to the Supreme Being.

The charges contained in the foregoing complaint were then taken into consideration, and after a long and impartial examination and discussion of the matters therein, and of the evidence in support thereof, the Brethren of Kennebec Lodge having retired, the following decision was made on each Article separately, in manner and form, to wit:

Article 1st. Resolved that this Article is fully supported.
Yeas 7; Nays 4.

Article 2d. Resolved that this Article is supported.
Yeas 7; Nays 4.

Article 3d. Not supported in the sense expressed in the charge.
Yeas 5; Nays 8.

It is however the opinion of the Brethren present that conduct of a similar nature has been permitted in said Lodge.

Article 4th. Also not supported.
Yea 1; Nays 12.

Article 5th. Not supported, the unanimous opinion.

Article 6th. Supported. Yeas 8; Nays 5.

Article 7th. It is unanimously supported.

Having examined the charges and decided thereon agreeably to the foregoing statement, the Brethren of the District Deputy Grand Lodge gave their opinion, unanimously, that the charter of Kennebec Lodge should be recalled and that the Brethren thereof should be suspended from all Masonic proceedings until the pleasure of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts should be known.

The Brethren of Kennebec Lodge were again admitted into the Deputy Grand Lodge and received the following sentence deliver'd by the District Deputy Grand Master, vizt:

To the Master, Wardens and other officers of Kennebec Lodge,

I am directed by the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, to require of you, if necessary, to cease from Masonic labor, as a Lodge, and from meeting as a Lodge, until the determination of the Grand Lodge respecting you shall be known; and I do accordingly, in the presence of the Brethren here assembled, require you to cease from working, and from meeting, as a Lodge, until the determination of the Grand Lodge shall be declared.

A representation of facts will be made to the Grand Lodge, to whom all the Lodges are accountable. You will there, if you request it, be heard in your defense, and justice will be done you.

The R't W'l Masters, Worshipful Wardens and other officers and members of the Lodges in this District, will duly notice this requisition and govern themselves accordingly.

The Treasurer of said Lodge is requested to retain in his hands all property belonging to said Lodge till further orders from the Grand Lodge.

The charter and records of Kennebec Lodge were then d'l'd to the Deputy Grand Secretary, and no farther business appearing for the benefit of the Craft, the Deputy Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form, *sine die.*

A true extract from the records.

(Signed.) Oliver Bray,

Deputy Grand Secretary.

A DEPUTY GRAND LODGE was holden at Topsham, county of Lincoln, on the 28th day of September, A.L. 5805, for the purpose of constituting United Lodge, by direction of the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esqr.

PRESENT.

R.W. WOODBURY STORER	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JEREMIAH HILL	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. WILLIAM KING	D. Sen. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. SAMUEL ADAMS	D. Jun. Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. OLIVER BRAY	Deputy Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
W. N. C. ALLEN	Deputy Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. RUFUS WASHBURN	D. Sen. Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. THOS. WASHBURN	D. Jun. Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN MORSE	D. Sen. Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. ROBERT STRONG	D. Jun. Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Rev. Bro. JACOB HERRICK	Grand Chaplain.
W. HENRY CUMMINGS	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM CROSS	D. Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
" WILLIAM COFFIN	Deputy Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*
" NATH'L MOODY	Book of Constitutions.
Bro. JESSE RICHARDS	Grand Pursuivant.
" NATH'L MOODY	Bearer of Holy Writings.

At eleven o'clock a Deputy Grand Lodge opened in DUE FORM, according to ancient usages.

Having made the necessary arrangements, a Lodge of Past Masters was opened in DUE FORM. R.W. Daniel Holden, the Master-elect of United Lodge, was inducted into the Chair of Solomon, with all the solemnities appertaining to the degree.

The Past Masters Lodge was then closed in order, agreeably to ancient usages.

At 12 o'clock a procession was formed consisting of the Deputy Grand Lodge, the new Lodge and visiting Brethren, which moved to the Court House, accompanied with a band of music.

The following solemnities were there performed:

Music.

Introductory prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Sacred music, vocal and instrumental.

Oration by Brother Erastus Ripley.
Sacred music.
Consecrating prayer by Rev'd Bro. Herrick.
Ancient charges by the Deputy Grand Secretary.
Solemn music.
Investiture.
The new Master by the District Deputy Grand Master.
Wardens by R.W. J. Hill.
Secretary, Treasurer and Deacons by R.W. Rufus King.
Stewards and Tyler by R.W. Oliver Bray.

The Lodge was then proclaimed three times by Deputy Grand Marshal.

An address from R.W. Woodbury Storer closed the ceremonies.

The procession then returned and passed over the bridge into Brunswick to a hall provided for the occasion, where the whole partook of refreshments. After which the Deputy Grand Lodge took its leave of the Brethren and retired. No further business appearing for the benefit of the Craft, the Deputy Grand Lodge was closed in Due Form, without day.

A true copy from record,

Attest: Oliver Bray,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

Portland, November 16th, A.L. 5805.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Concert Hall, for the choice of officers for the ensuing year and other purposes.

The following officers were present, December 9th, A.L. 5805.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
W. & Rev. JOHN MURRAY	Grand Chaplain.
W. & Rev. ASA EATON	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. & Rev. EZEKIEL L. BASCOMB	Grand Chaplain.

Past Grand Officers, vizt:

R.W. SAMUEL DUNN	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Past Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. WILLIAM LITTLE	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS DENNIE	Past Grand Treasurer.

List of Lodges represented at this meeting. St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, King Solomon's, Trinity, Middlesex, Columbian, Washington, Fayette, Union, St. Paul's, Fellowship, Corinthian, Montgomery, Meridian, Mt. Horeb, Philanthropic, Rising Star, Mount Zion, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, Union at Nantucket, Constellation, Harris, Wisdom, Saint Mark's, American Union, St. John's [of] Newbury, Mt. Carmel, Amicable and Warren.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

JONATHAN ALLEN for Franklin Lodge at Cheshire.
SAMUEL CHASE for St. John's Lodge at Newburyport.
STEPHEN HOWARD for St. Peter's Lodge at Newburyport.
MICHAEL NEWHALL for Aurora Lodge at Leominster.

The committee, chosen the last meeting to examine the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Secretaries, presented the following report, which was unanimously accepted:

BOSTON, the 9th December, A.L. 5805.

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to examine the books of the Grand Secretary and to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, have attended that duty and report, That the Grand Secretary has received during the past Masonic year, from the District Deputy Grand Masters for Diplomas and for fees for charters, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine dollars 75 cents, of which has been allowed for the expenses of the District Deputy Grand Masters, two hundred and sixty-five dollars 36 cents. The balance of sixteen hundred and seventy-three dollars 76 cents [sic] he has paid to the Grand Treasurer and taken his receipts therefor.

That the Grand Secretary has received during the last year four hundred and thirty-seven diplomas, of which he has delivered to the order of the several District Deputy Grand Masters and sold four hundred and twenty-three, and there remain in his hands fourteen.

That the Grand Treasurer has received the aforesaid sum of sixteen hundred and seventy-three dollars 76 cents, and has duly credited the Grand Lodge therefor. That he has paid during the said year as per schedule presented to the committee, twelve hundred and eighty-nine dollars 41 cents, and that the balance now in his hands is fifteen hundred and forty-nine dollars 35 cents.

That the committee find that a number of accounts for expenses, which they think highly necessary, have been paid, without being authorized by the Grand Lodge, or having been allowed by the committee of accounts. That in the allowance made to some District Deputy Grand Masters are items which they think ought to meet the consideration of the Grand Lodge.

That a resolution ought to pass, that the Grand Secretary ought to receive all the monies of the Grand Lodge; that no allowance ought to be made on any accounts of the District Deputy Grand Masters, until the same had been allowed by Grand Lodge, in a committee of accounts. That the Treasurer be directed to pay no accounts but such as have been allowed by Grand Lodge in a committee; and that he receive no monies (excepting for notes) unless through the hands of the Grand Secretary.

All which is submitted.

Signed, BENJ. RUSSELL, JOS. LAUGHTON, EDMUND BOWMAN, } Committee.

On motion, VOTED, That a Committee of Accounts be annually chosen, to examine and pass all accounts exhibited for payment and all others appertaining to this Grand Lodge.

The committee were chosen as follows, vizt: R.W. Joseph Laughton, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. William Scollay.

A petition was presented from the officers and members of the Kennebec Lodge, praying for the restoration of their charter. On motion, VOTED, That the same be committed to R.W. William Scollay, R.W. Timothy Whiting and R.W. John Soley.

The R't W'l District Deputy Grand Masters were called upon to exhibit their accounts and report their proceedings, and the state of their several Lodges, in their respective Districts, for the past year; which produced communications from R.W. John Boyle of the 1st District, R.W. Jonathan Gage of the 2d District and R.W. Timo. Whiting of the 5th District.

A memorial was received from St. Mark's Lodge, Newburyport, representing the scandalous and un-Masonic conduct of D—— B——, a late member of that Lodge; that they had voted an expulsion of said B——, and praying for the sanction of Grand Lodge to the same.

On motion, VOTED, That this Grand Lodge approve and confirm the procedure of St. Mark's Lodge; and the Grand Secretary communicate the same to the several District Deputy Grand Masters.

The following motion was brought forward by the R.W. and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris, vizt: That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge be so far revised as to make the District Deputy Grand Masters members of the Grand Lodge, and to establish their office and authority as District Deputy Grand Masters in their several Districts. On motion, VOTED, To commit the same to the following Brethren, vizt: M.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Timothy Bigelow, R.W. William Scollay, Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris, R.W. Samuel Dunn.

The following is a report of the committee appointed to take into consideration the compensation to be made to the Grand Secretaries for their services the past year.

BOSTON, 9th December, 5805.

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to take into consideration the compensation to be made to the Recording and Corresponding Grand Secretaries, having attended that duty, report, that in consideration of the increased and laborious services of the Recording Grand Secretary for the past year, that he receive as a compensation the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars; that the Corresponding Grand Secretary receive for his faithful services, fifty dollars as a compensation for the past year.

All which is submitted.

WILLIAM SCOLLAY,
TIMOTHY WHITING, } Committee.
BENJ. RUSSELL,

The foregoing report was accepted unanimously.

On motion, VOTED, That the following Brethren be appointed a committee to collect, count and sort the votes that may be given in for the several Grand Officers that may be elected this evening for the ensuing year, vizt: R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. Timothy Whiting, R.W. H. M. Lisle, Benj. Russell, John May, Jr.

Previous to the election of Grand Officers, the M't W'l Grand Master was pleased to deliver an address from the Chair, to the Grand Lodge, which was replete with excellent admonition, instruction and Masonic information and received with unanimous and repeated applause.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the address of the Grand Master, just deliver'd, and report the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee chosen were: R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, R.W. Timothy Whiting.

The hour having arrived, say 8 o'clock, to enter on the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing, the following Brethren were balloted for and unanimously elected, vizt:

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, ESQ. . .	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Recording Grand Secretary.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be appointed to wait on the Grand Master-elect and inform of the choice, vizt: that the Grand Lodge had elected him — R.W. Timo. Bigelow, Esq. — Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the year of Light, 5806. The committee were: R.W. Jos. Bartlett, R.W. Samuel Dunn, R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Jos. Laughton, R't Worshipful William Scollay.

The committee, as above, returned to the Lodge-room and reported, that having performed that duty, which was assigned them, the R.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., accepted the choice the Grand Lodge had so honorably conferred, and was ready to enter on the duties of his office.

On motion, VOTED, The 27th day of the present month, being the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, be appointed for the Installment of the new elected officers of this Grand Lodge; and that a committee be appointed to engage Concert Hall for the celebration of the day, and to make such arrangements as shall do honor to the Grand Lodge and the Fraternity. Also further VOTED, That the ceremonies be confined within the hall, and commence at 10 o'clock, A. M.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

At a Deputy Grand Lodge held at Provincetown, in the Third Masonic District, on the 4th day of March, A.L. 5805, by a special commission from the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, for the purpose of consecrating King Hiram Lodge, and for installing its officers.

Present.

R.W. John D. Dunbar	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Lemuel Newcomb	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Joseph Pierce	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. Lewis Humber	Supporter of Scriptures.
W. Hugh G. Donaldson	Grand Treasurer.
W. Henry Hall	Grand Secretary.
W. Job C. Davis	Grand Senior Deacon.
W. James Crowel	Grand Junior Deacon.
W. Robert Lothrop	Grand Marshal.
W. William Cole	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Joseph Waterman	Grand Chaplain.
W. Seth Tobey	Grand Tyler.

The Lodge was opened in Due and Ancient Form and made procession to the hall, and were received in good order by King Hiram Lodge. The ceremonies of constituting the Lodge and installing its officers were performed, agreeably to ancient usage, after which Divine Service was performed in the meeting-house.

The procession returned to the hall and partook of a rich entertainment, and drank their wine with merry hearts.

The Deputy Grand Lodge then returned from whence they came and closed without day in Due and Ancient Form.

Signed, Henry Hall,
Deputy Grand Secretary.

A true copy.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, the 27th day of December, appointed specially for the purpose of the celebration of St. John the Evangelist, and Installation of the officers of the Grand Lodge elected for the year 5806, and those appointed also; convened at Concert Hall, Boston.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Henry Fowle	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
W. John B. Hammatt	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. Thomas Redman	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. Sam. Nye, Jr.	1st Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. John May, Jr.	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. Fred'k W. Major	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
W. Oliver Warland W. S. Badlam	Grand Pursuivants.
Rev. John Murray Rev. Asa Eaton Rev. & R.W. Ezek. L. Bascomb	Grand Chaplains.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.

with many other officers and members of Lodges in Boston and its vicinity.

After the Grand Lodge was opened, the Senior G'd Chaplain made the introductory prayer.

Notice being given to the Most W. Grand Master, by the Grand Marshal, that the Grand Master-elect and the Grand Wardens-elect had arrived at the outer Temple, and waited the pleasure of the Grand Lodge, a Grand Committee was appointed to wait on, and introduce the Grand Officers-elect, into the Grand Lodge. The committee attended by the Grand Marshal, the Grand Deacons, and the Grand Stewards, and accompanied by a band of music, performed this service, and arriving in proces-

sion with the Grand Officers-elect, at the East of the Grand Lodge, introduced them to the M't W. G'd Master, who received them in AMPLE FORM, and congratulated them and the Lodge on their election. He then proceeded to obligate, invest and install the Grand Master-elect; the solemnities being performed and the ancient ceremonies ended was announced by a flourish of music. The Grand Marshal then, by direction of the Grand Master, proclaimed the Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year of Light, 5806.

The Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., being placed in the Chair of Solomon, proceeded to obligate, invest and install the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and to re-invest, etc., the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. The ceremonies, on the occasion, being ended, was announced by a flourish of music and they were by the Grand Marshal proclaimed, "R't Worshipful Grand Wardens and Grand Treasurer and Secretary for A.L. 5806."

GRAND OFFICERS APPOINTED FOR THE YEAR. 5806.

The Most W'l Grand Master was then pleased to nominate and appoint,

R.W. SIMON ELLIOT, ESQ.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Bros. JOHN MURRAY, ASA EATON, E. L. BASCOMB	Grand Chaplains.
W. THOMAS REDMAN	1st Grand Steward.
W. SAM. NYE, JUN.	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. JOHN MAY, JUN.	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. OWEN WARLAND	1st Pursuivant.
Bro. STEPHEN BADLAM	2nd Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The R.W. Deputy G'd Master was then re-invested, etc., by the M. W'l G'd Master; after which he also invested, etc., the

other G'd Officers of his appointment. A third flourish of music announced the ceremonies concluded and these officers were duly proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then addressed the officers and members of the Grand Lodge in a manner highly interesting and well adapted to the occasion.

Music from the band and an ode followed.

The R.W. Brother Henry Maurice Lisle, Esq., having been previously applied to, delivered an oration, which was received, as it indeed deserved, with great applause.

A committee of three were chosen to wait on our R't W'l Brother Lisle, and thank him for his elegant and spirited oration, and request a copy for the press. The committee performed that service and reported Bro. Lisle's acquiescence.

Music from the band, with another ode, and the benediction from the Junior G'd Chaplain, closed the solemnities, etc., for the day and the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

The Past and Present Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge, with a number of visiting Brethren, dined together, and spent the remainder of the day, in a manner suitable to the joyous occasion and honorable to the Fraternity.

At the setting sun they retired.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

APPOINTMENTS FOR A.L. 5806, CONTINUED.

District Deputy Grand Masters by M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq.

1st	District,	R.W. JOHN BOYLE, ESQ., of Boston.
2d	do.	R.W. JONATHAN GAGE of Newburyport.
3d	do.	R.W. HECTOR ORR of Bridgewater.
4th	do.	R.W. SETH PADELFORD of Taunton.
5th	do.	R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD of Framingham.
6th	do.	R.W. EBEN H. PHILLIPS of Charleton.
7th	do.	R.W. DANIEL STEBBINS of South Hadley.
8th	do.	R.W. ROBERT WALKER of Windsor.
9th	do.	R.W. WOODBURY STORER of Portland.
10th	do.	R.W. GEORGE ULMER of Lincolnville.
11th	do.	R.W. JOHN COOPER of Machias.
12th	do.	R.W. WILLIAM COFFIN of Nantucket.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

BOSTON, MARCH 12TH, 5806.

The Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master, was pleased to direct the Grand Lodge to attend him on a visit to Columbian Lodge this evening.

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN PERKINS	Br. of Sacred Writings, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM.

The Most W'l examined the By-Laws and records of Columbian Lodge and approved of the same.

He then called on Columbian Lodge to proceed in some Masonic work, to exhibit their proficiency in the Royal Art.

The R.W. Master of Columbian Lodge then initiated a candidate to the first degree of Masonry and explained the flooring of the Lodge, which received the approbation of the M't Worsh'l Master. The Enter'd Apprentices' Lodge was closed.

Columbian Lodge was opened by direction of the M.W. Master on the second degree. Three Brethren were admitted Fellow Crafts, and a lecture given afterwards on this degree, much to the credit of Columbian Lodge.

The Most W'l Grand Master was then pleased to deliver a pathetic and very instructive address to the Lodge, which concluded the ceremony of the visitation, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Vila's Hotel, on the evening of the 10th of March, 5806.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN MAY, JR.	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. THOS. STEDMAN SAMUEL NYE, JR.	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. WOODBURY STORER R.W. JOHN BOYLE R.W. GEORGE ULMER R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. WILLIAM SCOLLAY R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Past Grand Officers.
Rev. & W. JOHN MURRAY Rev. & W. ASA EATON	Grand Chaplains.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The committee, appointed at the last Quarterly Communication on the revision of the Constitution of Masonry, for certain reasons then assigned, being called upon to report, had leave of postponement till the next Communication.

The petition from a number of Brethren from the town of Hingham was postponed till the next Quarterly Communication, and on motion, VOTED, To commit the same to Brothers Lisle, Russell and Oliver.

The petition from Steuben, for a Lodge to be held at that place, was committed to the same committee to report the next Communication.

The committee appointed to petition the General Court reported, that having made their application it was VOTED, That it should be refer'd to the month of May next.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the committee on the grades, etc., of the District Deputy Grand Masters, that the Grand Lodge think the subject interesting and important, and that they are requested to pay particular attention to the same.

The representation from R.W. Brother A. Crocker, on the subject of diplomas, was committed to R.W. Brothers Bell, Lisle and Soley.

It was moved by the M.W. Timothy Bigelow to know the opinion of this Grand Lodge, if a blind man can, or cannot, be made a Mason, such an one having applied for admission to King Solomon's Lodge at Charlestown; and on motion, VOTED, That it is inconsistent and incompatible with the Constitutions of Masonry.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren, Master Masons, from the towns of Warren, Waldoborough and Union, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Warren, District of Maine, by the name of St. George; which petition was granted.

A motion was brought forward by R.W. Henry M. Lisle to ascertain this question, "Whether an affirmation by that part of society which profess the religion of the Quakers, or Friends, if to be admitted into a Lodge, would be conceived by the Grand Lodge equal to the oaths and obligations usually administered at a making;" which after much conversation and canvassing was concluded to be equally so, but for reasons adduced, it was on motion, VOTED, To be most eligible to refer the subject, for farther consideration, to the next Quarterly Communication.

The following Lodges were represented this evening, vizt: St. John's (Boston), Rising States, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Trinity, Warren, King Solomon, Columbian, Washington, Kennebec, Thomas, Union, Fellowship, Corinthian, Mount Moriah, Social, Rising Star, Meridian, Hiram, Montgomery, Fore Fathers' Rock, Mt. Lebanon, Aurora, Amity, Union of Nantucket, Harris, Wisdom, Mount Carmel and Amicable.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

At a Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge held at Vila's Hotel, No. 17 Court Street, the 9th of June, Anno. Lucis 5806.

M.W. Timothy Bigelow	Grand Master.
R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. John Soley	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
Rev. & W. John Murray	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Owen Warland	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Benjamin Russell	Grand Marshal.
W. Stephen Badlam, Jr.	Grand Steward.
R.W. Thos. Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Woodbury Storer	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. George Ulmer	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. Jon'a Gage	District Deputy Grand Masters.

R.W. Thompson J. Stiner was admitted proxy for Friendship Lodge.

Bro. John B. Hammatt was admitted proxy for Union Lodge, Nantucket.

The following Lodges were represented, vizt: Saint John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Unity, Friendship, Columbian, Washington, Jerusalem, Fellowship, Adams, Mount Moriah, Rising Sun, Mount Lebanon, Union, Pacific, St. Mark's, Sheffield, Mount Carmel and Hiram.

A deputation from the petitioners for a Lodge to be constituted at Hingham, requested permission to be heard in their behalf before the Grand Lodge. R.W. H. M. Lisle, being necessarily absent, who was chairman of the committee on that subject, it was, on motion, Voted, To add another in his stead to wait on the aforesaid deputation and acquaint them of the necessity of postponement. R.W. Brother Bean was added to the committee and postponement was agreed on.

On motion, VOTED, That two be added to the committee chosen last March to decide on the propriety of granting charters to the petitioners from Hingham and Steuben, on account of a remonstrance against that from Hingham, and informality in that from Steuben. R.W's S. Bell and Little were added accordingly, and the Grand Secretary was directed to write Bro. Lisle, chairman, and inform him that the Grand Lodge request his calling the committee together, without delay, and that they report the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition was presented from the Right Worshipful William Tyng and others for a Warrant of Constitution to hold a Lodge at Portland, by the name of Ancient Landmark Lodge, which was granted accordingly.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren in the town of Rowe, county of Hampshire, for a Lodge to be constituted in that town by the name of Mountain Lodge; and VOTED, That the same be committed to the judgment of R.W. Daniel Stebbins, D. D. G. M'r of the 7th Masonic District, comprehending that town.

Zebina Eastman was admitted proxy for Pacific Lodge.

The following communication was received from the M. Worshipful Thomas Thompson, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, through the hands of the Grand Recording Secretary, vizt:

PORTSMOUTH, 3d June, 5806.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BROTHER:

From our local situation and the close connection between the two States, I am very solicitous to strengthen and promote the interest and prosperity of true Masonry, which, in my opinion, can best be accomplished by frequent intercourse and adopting a regular and uniform system of work. To effect this in the State of New Hampshire, I sent a deputation of four respectable Brethren, well skilled in Masonry, to visit, examine and instruct all the Lodges in the State, and have established a grand course of Masonic Lectures, on the different degrees, which have produced the most salutary effects.

It is with pleasure I observe a similar attempt in the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by commissioning a Grand Lecturer and Instructor to visit all the Districts in your State.

To accomplish this great object much still remains to be done, that our working, in all its parts, may strictly correspond throughout the Continent, and in Massachusetts and New Hampshire particularly, who are so nearly allied. I most earnestly wish that a convention may be formed of respectable and skillful Past Masters from the Grand Lodges of each State, to meet and in open convention to amplify, communicate, extend and illustrate Masonry; mutually aiding and assisting each other in the search of truth; correcting errors, until they shall find a perfect level and a uniform system established on the ancient Landmarks of Masonry.

On the part of the Grand Lodge of the State of New Hampshire, I have appointed our worthy Brothers John Harris, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master; Lyman Spaulding, Grand Lecturing Master, and the Reverend George Richards, Master of St. John's Lodge, to meet a like deputation from the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at such time and place as the Most W'l, the Grand Masters of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, may direct, say Newburyport or Boston.

With due respect, M't Worshipful Sir,

I am your most obedient servant,

(Signed) THOMAS THOMPSON,
G'd M'r of State of N. H.

The question, respecting the validity of affirmation, etc., as proposed by R.W. H. M. Lisle the last meeting, was again agitated; and on motion, VOTED, That this subject be submitted to the M't Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, R.W. Simon Elliot, and such of the R.W. District Deputy Grand Masters as can be most readily consulted, and that they report to the Grand Lodge as soon as may be.

On motion, VOTED, That the M.W. Grand Master be empowered to appoint a committee of three to meet in convention with a committee of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, to unite in completing the important objects contemplated in the

foregoing letter from the M.W. Thomas Thompson, Esq., Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire; and the M.W. was pleased to appoint R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Bro. Gleason and the R.W. Brother Bean, a committee for that purpose.

On motion, VOTED, That the reasonable expenses of the foregoing committee be paid by the Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, and to stand closed till the 24th instant at 10 o'clock; then to meet at Cambridgeport for the purpose of Consecrating and Installing Amicable Lodge.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A VISITATION OF THE GRAND LODGE to the Massachusetts Lodge by direction of the Most Worshipful Timo. Bigelow, Grand Master, on the evening of 16th June, A.L. 5806.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
Bro. OWEN WARLAND	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
W. SAMUEL NYE, JR.	Grand Marshal.
W. SAM'L THATCHER	Senior Grand Deacon.
Rev. JNO. MURRAY	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. DANIEL STEBBINS	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. JOHN D. DUNBAR	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. WOODBURY STORER	District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Grand Lodge was waited upon by a committee of Massachusetts Lodge, escorted to the Lodge hall and opened in AMPLE FORM.

The Throne of Grace was devoutly addressed by the Grand Chaplain.

The charter of Massachusetts Lodge was produced and with the Laws and Regulations of the Lodge, was read, examined and approved by the M.W. Grand Master.

An appropriate ode, composed for the occasion, was well sung by a number of the Brethren.

An address on the principles of Masonry, and its tendency to moralize and benefit mankind, by R.W. C. P. Sumner of St. John's Lodge, was received with the applause of all present.

A number of Masonic toasts were given and reciprocated by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Master of Massachusetts Lodge, etc.

A very impressive and judicious address, or admonitory oration, was delivered from the Chair by the M't Worshipful T. Bigelow, and a concluding prayer by Rev'd Brother John Murray, when the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Cambridge-port, for the purpose of consecrating Amicable Lodge, and installing its officers, on the 24th of June, A.L. 5806.

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. JOSEPH GARDNER	Assistant Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EDWARD HORSEMAN	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY M. LISLE	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
Bro. STEPHEN BADLAM, JUN.	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN PARK	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN DEVERELL	Bearer of Great Lights, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS STEDMAN R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
W. EBENEZER LEE Bro. BENJ. CURTIS	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge assembled at Hood's Hotel and was opened in AMPLE FORM.

On information by a committee from Amicable Lodge, that they were prepared to receive the Grand Lodge; they walked in procession, attended by a band of music, to Masons Hall. The M't W'l Grand Master being seated in the Chair of Solomon and the Lodge duly organized, the charter of the Lodge, their By-Laws and Regulations were read, examined, sanctioned and approv'd, after which the solemnities of consecration and installation were performed agreeably to ancient usages.

A procession was formed of a very numerous and respectable collection of Brethren assembled on the occasion, who, preceeded by a good band of music, escorted the Grand Lodge to the meeting-house in Cambridge, where a well-written sermon, now

among the archives of the Grand Lodge, was preached by the Reverend Bro. Thomas Cushing Thatcher from the following text of Scripture: "Above all put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness." A very ingenious and eloquent address was deliver'd by R.W. Brother Samuel Prescott Phillips Fay; both of which received the highest applause of a large and brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen. Appropriate music was occasionally introduced, both vocal and instrumental.

After these performances the procession was again marshaled and march'd in Masonic order, led by music, back to Cambridgeport, where was erected a very spacious booth, in a field adjacent to the hall, decorated with elegance and taste; under it were spread tables sumptuously covered, at which the Brethren enjoyed the pleasures of festivity, cheerfulness and Brotherly love.

The Grand Lodge was honor'd with the presence of the Reverend President Webber, the Corporation of Harvard University, with several of the Rev'd Clergy from the neighboring towns.

At an early hour the Grand Lodge retired to their apartment and closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Vila's Hotel, Court Street, on the evening of September 8th, 5806.

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
Rev. Bro. JOHN MURRAY . .	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. OLIVER WARLAND	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EDWARD GOODWIN .	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. STEPHEN BADLAM	1st Grand Steward.
W. JOHN DEVERELL .	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD	Dist. Dep. Grand Master 5th Dist.

The following Lodges were duly represented this evening, vizt: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Portland, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, Trinity, King Solomon, Friendship, Essex, Lincoln, Old Colony, Columbian, Washington, Jerusalem, Fellowship, Mount Moriah, Rising States, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, Pacific, Rural, United, Union of Nantucket, Cumberland, Saint John's of Newburyport and Amicable.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies:

W. JOHN JOHNSON for Warren Lodge.
R.W. JOHN GOODWIN for United Lodge.
W. JOHN PROCTOR for Jerusalem Lodge.

The R't W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esq., chairman of the committee to decide on the rank and duty of the District Deputy Grand Masters, produced a report which was read by the Grand Secretary, and on motion, VOTED, To postpone the further considera-

tion of it to the next Quarterly Communication; and that the subject be recommitted to the same committee.

On motion, VOTED, That the petition for a Lodge at Hingham be further postponed, and committed to R.W. Brothers Russell, Bell, Fowle, Oliver and Little.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to inform Ancient Landmark Lodge (to whom a charter was granted the last Quarterly Communication) at Portland, that in consequence of some statements and communications made by Portland Lodge to the Grand Lodge, a committee was appointed to consider the same, consisting of the following Brethren, vizt: R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Thaddeus M. Harris, Benj. Russell, Shubael Bell and Henry Fowle, who are to give notice to the parties concerned, of the time of their meeting, and that, till their determination on the subject be known, the Brethren of Ancient Landmark Lodge be directed to suspend the privilege of meeting and working agreeably to the tenor of their charter.

A report from R.W. Benjamin Gleason, Grand Lecturer and Instructor, was brought forward with other documents respecting his mission, which on account of the lateness of the hour, was refer'd over to the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to confer with the Masters of the several Lodges in Boston, on the expediency of agreeing with the proprietors of Masons Hall, for the use of the Grand Lodge and the other Lodges in Boston, and know on what terms the hall may be secured for a number of years, and report the next Lodge night. The following Brethren were appointed the committee, vizt: R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. Allen Crocker, R.W. Stephen Frances.

The committee to whom was refer'd the petition of a number of Brethren in the town of Rowe, county of Hampshire, for a Lodge to be called Mountain Lodge, which was refer'd to this evening, reported in favor of the same and the petition was granted accordingly.

The petition from Steuben, for a Lodge to be called Ionic Lodge, was also reported in favor of, and the prayer granted.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,

Grand Secretary.

December 8th, A.L. 5806.

An Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Vila's Hotel, Court Street, Boston, on the 8th day of December, 5806, for the choice of officers and other important purposes.

M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq.	Grand Master.
R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq.	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Soley	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Edward Goodwin	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. John May, Jun.	Grand Sword Bearer.
Rev. Asa Eaton Rev. & R.W. E. L. Bascomb	Grand Chaplains.
R.W. Thomas Redman	1st Grand Steward.
W. Samuel Nye, Jun.	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.

Also a number of Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and the Representatives of the following Lodges under this Jurisdiction, viz: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Portland, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Trinity, St. Peter's, Warren, Unity, King Solomon, Middlesex, Columbian, St. Paul's, Hiram, Cincinnatus, Washington, Corinthian, Meridian, Mount Moriah, Rising Star, Thomas, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Aurora, Amity, United, Union of Nantucket, Constellation, Merrimack, Harris, Washington Remembered, St. Mark's, St. John's of Newburyport, Sheffield, Oriental, Mount Carmel, Amicable and Ancient Landmark.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, and prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect, by the officiating Grand Chaplain.

R.W. Isaiah Thomas, chairman, in behalf of a committee appointed in December, A.L. 5805, to define the office, rank, etc., of the District Deputy Grand Masters, in their several Districts, their privileges, etc., reported as follows:

1st. That there be appointed and commissioned, with the seal of the M.W. Grand Lodge affixed to their commissions, in December annually by the Most W. Grand Master, nine District Deputy Grand Masters for Massachusetts proper, and three for the District of Maine.

2d. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be furnished by his predecessor, or by the Grand Treasurer, with the appropriate jewel of his office, which he is to return to the Grand Treasurer at the expiration of the term of his appointment, or, by order of the Grand Treasurer, deliver it to the District Deputy Grand Master who may succeed him.

3d. Each District Deputy Grand Master may appoint a Secretary to accompany him on his annual circuit to visit the several Lodges in his District, but the Secretary so honor'd by the appointment is not to travel at the expense of the Grand Lodge.

4th. Every District Deputy Grand Master is to cause his commission or re-appointment to be read in each Lodge in his District, at his first visit after receiving it. And every District Deputy Grand Master shall be styled Right Worshipful.

5th. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall be entitled to a seat in the M.W. Grand Lodge during the period only which he holds his office; and it shall be his duty to attend in the Most W'l Grand Lodge at least twice in every year he may be in that office. When in Grand Lodge he may give his opinion on any subject before it relative to the District, or any Lodge in the District of which he is Deputy Grand Master; and on questions solely relative to such District, or any particular or member of a Lodge in such District, he may vote by virtue of his office as District Deputy Grand Master. But in order to qualify any District Deputy Grand Master, who is not a member of the M.W. Grand Lodge agreeably to the Constitution as it now stands, to vote generally on any question before it, he must hold a proxy from some one Lodge, and from one Lodge only in his District.

6th. District Deputy Grand Masters shall appear in the M. W'l Grand Lodge, and in all other Lodges, in their own proper clothing and the badges of their office.

7th. When District Deputy Grand Masters attend the M. Worsh'l Grand Lodge, they shall be seated immediately behind the M. W'l Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Past Grand Officers of that description, on the right and left of the elevation of the seats of the M. W'l Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Past Grand Masters, etc., and on an elevation with the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, according to seniority, which seniority is always to be regulated by that of the oldest Lodges in their respective Districts.

8th. In all processions of the M.W. Grand Lodge, District Deputy Grand Masters shall be placed after the Grand Wardens, according to seniority as before mentioned.

9th. It shall be the duty of every District Deputy Grand Master to visit all the Lodges within the District to which he may be appointed, once, at least, every year, giving the Lodges timely notice thereof, and to make such visit or visits to such Lodge on or before the first Monday in December; to communicate without delay to each Lodge, all such information, regulations and edicts as may from time to time be transmitted to him for that purpose by the M. W'l Grand Master or the Grand Secretary, and to take charge of, and forward as soon as may be, all communications delivered him from such Lodges, to the Grand Lodge, the M.W. Grand Master or the Grand Secretary: to receive all returns and monies required by the M.W. Grand Lodge from each subordinate Lodge in his District, keeping an accurate account thereof; to make out correct statements of all the Lodges in his District, exhibiting therein, agreeably to the printed forms, the names of all the Brethren in each Lodge who have been passed, made, or raised, etc., the names of the officers and members of each Lodge in his District, for the time being, the monies due and collected for initiates, quarterages, etc., from each Lodge, for the Most W'l Grand Lodge, certified by the Secretary of each Lodge; and to make return of that and all his proceedings and to pay in all the monies he shall have received to the Recording Grand Secretary on or before the second Monday

in December, annually, that the whole of his proceedings may then be laid before the M't W'l Grand Lodge, or a committee of the M.W. Grand Lodge appointed to receive them at that time, and report thereon. And shall also deliver to the Grand Treasurer duplicate accounts of all monies paid by him in behalf of the several Lodges or individuals, to the Recording Grand Secretary, and all his returns are to be recorded by the Grand Secretary. He is to keep an accurate statement of his expenses in visiting the several Lodges in his District and making the returns as aforesaid, and shall render in an account for his services to the Committee on Accounts, and if approved by the Most W'l Grand Master, and the committee, receive payment from the Grand Treasurer.

10th. District Deputy Grand Masters are to constitute Lodges and install the officers of new Lodges under a commission from, and at the pleasure of, the Grand Master.

11th. When District Deputy Grand Masters visit individual Lodges, they are to occupy a seat next to and at the right hand of the presiding Master; their Secretaries, who must be Master Masons, as must every officer of a Lodge, are to take their seats by the side of the Secretaries of the Lodges they visit.

12th. Lodges at a distance of twelve miles from the residence of the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master, are to apply to the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master of their respective Districts for permission to bury a deceased Brother in Masonic form, and permission in writing may be given, when necessary, in the opinion of said District Deputy Grand Master.

13th. Masters and Wardens of Lodges are to advise and consult with the District Deputy Grand Masters of their Districts, in all matters of importance where the interest of the Fraternity is concerned.

14th. District Deputy Grand Masters are to convene the officers and members of such Lodges, in their respective Districts, as they may judge necessary to attend and aid them in publicly constituting new Lodges and installing its officers — of such Lodges, when said District Deputy Grand Masters are commissioned for such purposes by the M't W'l Grand Master.

They are also to convene the Masters and Wardens of Lodges in their respective Districts for the purpose of hearing all complaints of individual Brethren, or of one Lodge against another Lodge, which said District Deputy Grand Master may think expedient to lay before them, or which they may be requested by the vote of any Lodge legally assembled, or by request in writing of the Master or by the Wardens of any Lodge in their respective Districts to lay before them.

Such conventions for the purpose last mentioned, are to be composed only of the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in their respective Districts duly elected, or their proxies specially appointed for the purpose.

At such conventions the members are to wear the badges of their office and the proxies the jewels of the office they represent.

The District Deputy Grand Master of the District where such convention may be holden, shall preside and shall appoint such officers, of the members present, as may be necessary to organize them as a Lodge, and, when organized, such convention shall be styled a District Deputy Grand Lodge, and shall consist of the following officers, vizt: District Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Senior Grand Warden, District Deputy Junior Grand Warden, District Deputy Grand Secretary and District Deputy Grand Deacons. Other officers may be appointed if convenient. A faithful record of all Lodges respectively, in a book to be provided for that purpose, and attested copies therefrom, at the close of the business for which such District Deputy Grand Lodge shall be convened, shall be forwarded by the District Deputy Grand Masters respectively to the Grand Secretary, who shall present the same to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for his perusal; and by the Most W. Grand Master's direction, the Grand Secretary shall lay the same before the Most W'f'l Grand Lodge. In every District Deputy Grand Lodge, when the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master may be absent, the Master of the Senior Lodge present shall preside, and all questions brought before such Lodge shall be determined by a majority of votes. District Deputy Grand Masters shall be no expense to the Lodge.

15th. All complaints, whether by individual Brethren of Lodges, or by one Lodge against another Lodge, shall be made in writing, and must, in the first instance, be brought before the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where they may respectively originate, who shall, immediately, or as soon as convenient, assemble the Masters and Wardens of the Lodges in his District, and lay the complaint before them; whereupon, they, or a majority of those present, shall investigate the matter, and give such judgment thereon as shall appear to them just and proper.

16th. Should either of the parties be dissatisfied with the judgment pronounced by a District Deputy Grand Lodge, he or they may bring it under the review of the Grand Lodge, by appeal; or should a District Deputy Grand Lodge find difficulty in determining a cause brought before them, the District Deputy Grand Master may report the same to the Most W'l Grand Lodge for its opinion and direction.

17th. In case of an appeal by either of the parties, or of a report by the District Deputy Grand Master, the complaint, with all the proofs and documents and evidence taken thereon, must be transmitted to the Grand Secretary on or before the second Monday of March, the second Monday of June, the second Monday of September or the second Monday of December, which ever may happen next; these being the regular Quarterly Communications of the Most W'l Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

18th. Every District Deputy Grand Master shall keep in a book bound for that purpose, a record of his proceedings and an abstract of the returns of each Lodge before he shall forward them to the Grand Secretary. This book shall be delivered by each District Deputy Grand Master to his successor in office, and when full shall be delivered to the Grand Treasurer to be kept till otherwise ordered, with other books filled with the records of the Grand Lodge.

SIGNED BY THE COMMITTEE.

The foregoing report was unanimously accepted to be printed.

The petitioners for a Lodge at Hingham had leave, at their request, to withdraw their petition.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of the difficulties between Portland Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge, having fully heard the agents of said Lodges, beg'd leave to report, vizt:

That in the spirit of their duty as Masons, and for the mutual benefit of said Lodges, they have recommended to the said agents the restoration of Brotherly affection, the cultivation of fraternal intercourse and the mutual oblivion of past misunderstanding; and that the said agents have promised to second the recommendations with their respective Lodges. They farther report, that the request of Grand Lodge to Ancient Landmark Lodge, to suspend their labors, be superseded; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to furnish the agents of Portland and Ancient Landmark Lodges with a copy of this report.

Respectfully submitted by R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Benj. Russell, Shubael Bell and Henry Fowle.

The foregoing report was unanimously accepted.

The District Deputy Grand Masters, who were present, and others, by letter, made returns from the several Districts. The communications were interesting and generally satisfactory.

A representation from Wisdom Lodge and Cincinnatus Lodge, in the 8th District, relative to the difference of the fees of initiation, etc., in the State of New York and this Commonwealth, was committed to the M. W'l Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master, who was authorized in the name of this Grand Lodge, to address a communication, on the subject of such representation, to the Most W'l Grand Lodge of the State of New York.

Agreeably to the Constitution the election of Grand Officers now commenced. A committee of three, vizt: R.W. Brothers Timo. Whiting, Russell and Bell were appointed to collect, sort and count the votes.

The M.W. Grand Master retired and the R.W. Deputy Grand Master took the Chair.

The votes were then taken for Grand Master, when it appeared that the M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., was unanimously re-elected. He was accordingly proclaimed Grand Master for the year ensuing by the R.W. Grand Marshal.

A committee of five was then appointed to wait on the M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., and inform him of the choice of the Grand Lodge, vizt: R't W'l Brothers Whiting, Russell, Bell, Stebbins and Gage, who performed that service and returned with the M.W. Grand Master to the Grand Lodge and re-conducted him to the Chair of Solomon.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to the choice of the other Grand Officers, directed by the Constitution to be balloted for. On examining the votes for each it appear'd that the following Brethren were unanimously elected to their respective offices, as affixed to their names.

R.W. John Soley	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.

Grand Officers appointed for the year of Light 5807.

R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Edward Goodwin	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
W. John May, Jr.	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Thomas Redman	Grand Stewards.
W. Stephen Badlam	
W. Eliphalet Hale	Grand Pursuivants.
W. Robert Lash	
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.

All these officers were proclaimed in Grand Lodge by the R't W'l Grand Marshal.

The committee appointed to confer with the Committee of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire for the special purpose of promoting union, harmony and Masonic intercourse, and to establish a uniform mode of lecturing and a regular system of Masonic work in the two States, etc., made their return which was accepted and ordered to be recorded.

In pursuance of a vote of the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, submitting the question to his decision, it pleased the M.W. Grand Master to give his opinion, that with

respect to such candidates for initiation and other degrees, as have conscientious scruples about taking an oath, the act of affirmation is equally valid as swearing in receiving the obligations of Masonry.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was now pleased to adjourn the Grand Lodge till 10 o'clock to-morrow, the 9th instant, then to meet at the same place.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

MEETING OF GRAND LODGE, DECEMBER 9TH, BY ADJOURNMENT.

On motion, VOTED, That the Recording Grand Secretary address a note to the committee, who were appointed on the subject of R.W. Brother Isaiah Thomas' address to the Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication, calling on them to report at the next Quarterly Communication.

VOTED, unanimously, That Right W'l Woodbury Storer, District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth Masonic District, be authorized to restore the charter of Kennebec Lodge to the Brethren thereof, when he shall think proper.

The petition of a number of Brethren residing at or near St. Stephen's, in the Province of New Brunswick, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in that place, to be under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, was committed to R't Worshipful Brothers S. Bell, Job Drew and Francis J. Oliver.

A communication from R.W. Brother William Coffin, District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th District, relative to the admission of a candidate in one Lodge in that District, who had been rejected in another Lodge, same District, was directed to be transmitted to the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master for the same District the ensuing year. It was further ordered that he pursue such measures concerning the said subject as are required by the rules and regulations of the Grand Lodge; particularly those adopted at this time.

The committee, on the money concerns of the Grand Lodge, reported among other things, that they had audited the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. And that there now remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer the sum of ..... Doll. 1,539.27

That he had received of the Grand Secretary and credited the Grand Lodge 1,513.00

Which with the balance, in his hands at last settlement, of 1,549.35

Makes a total of $3,062.35

That since the last settlement, he has paid per vouchers produced 1,523.08

Which leaves a balance, due, as above, the sum of....$1,539.27

And that there is due to the Grand Lodge besides, in notes of hand 121 Dollars exclusive of the fees due for the charters of certain new Lodges not yet deliver'd.

The committee on ascertaining that the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the year past have exceeded their income, feel it their duty to recommend it to the Grand Lodge, to take some measures to introduce a greater degree of economy in its expenditures and greater circumspection in such committees as are intrusted with contracts in making them. If a committee were appointed on the subject many modes of lessening expenses might be pointed out.

Signed, BENJAMIN RUSSELL, JOSEPH LAUGHTON, } Committee.

The foregoing report was unanimously accepted, and the same R.W. Brethren were appointed a committee to devise some method to introduce a system of greater economy in the expenditures of the Grand Lodge.

After the usual business was completed, prayers were again offer'd up to the Throne of Deity by the officiating Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The following Brethren were admitted proxies to the Grand Lodge at this meeting.

R.W. Bro. JAMES BRAZER for St. Paul's Lodge, Groton.
R.W. " BENJ. GLEASON for Cincinnatus Lodge.
R.W. " ASA PEABODY for Oriental Lodge.
R.W. " THOMPSON J. SKINNER for Friendship Lodge.
R.W. " TIMOTHY WHITING for Trinity Lodge.
R.W. " JOSEPH JENKINS for Mount Zion Lodge.
W. " JNO. B. HAMMATT for Trinity for the evening only.
R.W. " ANGIER MARCH for St. John's, Newburyport.

Further Appointments for the year 5807.

R.W. & Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascomb,
Rev. Bro. John Murray,
Rev. Bro. Asa Eaton,
} Grand Chaplains.

Since the last Annual Communication the M.W. directed me to record the following R.W. Brethren, District Deputy Grand Masters for the year A.L. 5807, vizt:

1st District,	R.W. & Hon.	Daniel Davis, Esq., of Boston.
2d do.	R.W.	Jonathan Gage, Esq., of Newburyport.
3d do.	R.W.	Hector Orr, Esq., of Bridgewater.
4th do.	R.W.	James Ellis, Esq., of Rehoboth.
5th do.	R.W.	Jonathan Maynard, Esq., of Framingham.
6th do.	R.W. & Rev.	Ezek'l L. Bascomb, of Gerry.
7th do.	R.W.	Daniel Stebbins, Esq., of Northampton.
8th do.	R.W.	Robert Walker, Esq., of Windsor.
9th. do.	R.W.	Woodbury Stoper, Esq., of Portland.
10th do.	R.W.	George Ulmer, Esq., of Lincolnville.
11th do.	R.W.	John Cooper, Esq., of Machias.
12th do.	R.W.	John Brock, Esq., of Nantucket.

Attest: John Proctor,
Recording Grand Secretary.

List of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, districted for A.L. 5807.

First District.

St. John's.....Boston.
Rising States.....Boston.
Massachusetts .....Boston.
King Solomon's ....Charlestown.
Columbian .....Boston.
Washington .....Roxbury.
Union .....Dorchester.
Hiram .....Lexington.
Meridian .....Watertown.
Mount Moriah .....Reading.
Mount Lebanon .....Boston.
Rural .....Quincy.
Constellation .....Dedham.
Amicable .....Cambridgeport.

Second District.

St. John's .....Newburyport.
Tyrian .....Gloucester.
St. Peter's .....Newburyport.
Philanthropic .....Marblehead.
Unity .....Ipswich.
Essex .....Salem.
Merrimack .....Haverhill.
St. Mark's .....Newburyport.
Mount Carmel .....Lynn.

Third District.

Old Colony .....Hanover.
King Hiram .....Provincetown.
Adams .....Wellfleet.
Fellowship .....Bridgewater.
Marine .....Falmouth.
Fore Fathers' Rock..Plymouth.
Fraternal .....Barnstable.
Sumner .....Dennis.
Corner Stone .....Duxbury.

Fourth District.

Bristol .....Norton.
Montgomery .....Franklin.
Eastern Star .....Rehoboth.
King David .....Taunton.
Rising Star .....Stoughton.
Washington Rem'd, New Bedford.

Fifth District.

Trinity .....Lancaster.
Middlesex .....Framingham.
St. Paul's .....Groton.
Corinthian .....Concord.
Social .....Ashby.
Aurora .....Leominster.

Sixth District.

Morning Star .....Worcester.
Fayette .....Charlton.
Thomas .....Monson.
Olive Branch .....Oxford.
Meridian Sun .....Brookfield.
Mount Zion .....Hardwick.
Harris .....Athol.
Charity .....Mendon.

Seventh District.

Federal .....Blandford.
Republican .....Greenfield.
Harmony .....Northfield.
Jerusalem .....Northampton.
Pacific .....Amherst.
Mountain (void) .....Rowe.

EIGHTH DISTRICT.

FRIENDSHIP .....Williamstown.
FRANKLIN .....Chester.
EVENING STAR .....Lenox.
CINCINNATUS .....G't Barrington.
SINCERITY .....Partridgefield.
WISDOM .....West Stockbridge.
SHEFFIELD .....Sheffield.

NINTH DISTRICT.

PORTLAND .....Portland.
LINCOLN .....Wiscasset.
KENNEBEC .....Hallowell.
UNITED .....Topsham.
SACO .....Pepperellboro'.
PYTHAGOREAN .....Fryeburg.
CUMBERLAND ....New Gloucester.
ORIENTAL .....Bridgtown.
SOLAR .....Bath.
ANCIENT LANDMARK ....Portland.

TENTH DISTRICT.

HANCOCK .....Castine.
AMITY .....Camden.
RISING VIRTUE .....Hampden.
ORIENT .....Thomaston.
ST. GEORGE'S .....Warren.

ELEVENTH DISTRICT.

WARREN .....Machias.
TUSCAN .....Columbia.
EASTERN .....Eastport.
IONIC .....Steuben.

TWELFTH DISTRICT.

UNION .....Nantucket.
KING SOLOMON IN PERFECTION.... Holmes' Hole.

OUT OF THE COMMONWEALTH, BUT UNDER THE JURISDICTION.

AMERICAN UNION .....Marietta.
ST. JOHN'S ..Stabrock, Demarara.
SCIOTO, Chillicothe, State of Ohio.

Attest:

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

BOSTON, 9th December, 5806.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE of Massachusetts held at Vila's Hotel, Court Street, on the evening of the 9th of March, A.L. 5807.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW . .	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE .	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE ULMER	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Junior Grand Warden.
W. STEPHEN BADLAM, JR. . .	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. STEPHEN FRANCIS . .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. PETER OSGOOD	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. ELIPHALET HALE R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE . .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The following Lodges were represented this evening, vizt: St. John's, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, King Solomon's, Essex, Republican, Columbian, Washington, St. Paul's, Hiram, Mount Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, Rural, Corner Stone, Union of Nantucket, Merrimack, Mount Carmel and Amicable.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

W. Bro. THOMAS CHASE for Republican Lodge.
Bro. ABEL CARTER for Aurora Lodge.

R.W. Shubael Bell, chairman of a committee to whom was refer'd the petition from New Brunswick for a charter under this Jurisdiction, reported, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition. Accepted.

A communication from Benjamin Dearborn was presented and read and the pamphlets accompanying the same, entitled "Remarks on the rights of inventors, etc.," and were ordered to be placed among the archives of the Grand Lodge.

A petition from a number of Brethren for a charter to hold a Lodge at Belchertown, by the name of Mount Vernon Lodge, was granted.

A petition for a charter to hold a Lodge at Chelmsford, county of Middlesex, by the name of Pentucket Lodge, was also granted.

Petition from Brother Joseph Forwards, for a charter for a new Lodge at Southwick, was stated by the M.W. Grand Master; on motion it was VOTED, The petition be committed to three. The R.W. S. Bell, R.W. Simon Elliot and R't W'l Benj. Russell were appointed and directed to report the next Quarterly Communication.

R.W. Shubael Bell, chairman of the committee to whom was refer'd the report of the Grand Lecturer, etc., reported progress, and ask'd leave to sit again, which was granted.

On motion, VOTED, That the committee on the report of the Grand Lecturer, be empower'd to receive any communications on that subject and examine documents relative to the same.

A petition for a Lodge at Buckstown, county of Hancock, was read, and the committee on the petition from Southwick was empowered to decide thereon, who reported it inexpedient and that the petition lay on the files of the Grand Lodge until further documents be produced, and the opinion of the District Deputy Grand Master of that District shall be had thereon.

A petition from the officers and members of the Lodge at Hampden, requesting that the Lodge be removed to Bangor, was committed to R.W. Simon Elliot, R.W. Benj. Russell and R.W. Henry Fowle.

The committee, last mentioned, having retired for a few minutes, returned and beg'd leave to report, that the prayer of the petition be so far granted, that whenever the Rising Virtue Lodge shall have paid into the hands of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth District, the arrearages now due by said Lodge, that the dispensation of the Grand Lodge be granted for the removal of said Rising Virtue Lodge from Hampden to Bangor, at which last place it shall continue. And the Grand Secretary is directed to communicate this record to the Rising Virtue Lodge through the hands of the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th District.

Signed, SIMON ELLIOT,

Per order.

This report was accepted unanimously.

The committee, to whom was refer'd the report, etc., of the Grand Lecturer and Instructor, gave notice that they should attend that duty on the 1st Wednesday in April next.

After prayers to the Divine Architect, the Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Attest: Stephen Badlam, Junr.,

Grand Secretary, pro tem.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Brother John Vila's Hotel, on the 8th of June, A.L. 5807.

PRESENT.

R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. SAMUEL THATCHER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. CHARLES P. SUMNER	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. STEPHEN BADLAM, JR.	Grand Steward.
R.W. THOMPSON J. SKINNER	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JON'A MAYNARD	D. D. G. M. 5th M'c District.
R.W. BENJ. GLEASON	Grand Lecturer.

The following Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, were represented, vizt: St. John's, of Boston; Massachusetts, Rising States, Trinity, Essex, King Solomon's, Republican, Columbian, Washington, St. Paul's, Hiram, Mount Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, Rural, Corner Stone, Union, Merrimack, Mount Carmel and Amicable.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening:

THOMPSON I. SKINNER for Friendship Lodge at Williamstown.
CHARLES P. SUMNER for Sincerity Lodge at Partridgefield.
ZEBINA EASTMAN for Pacific Lodge at Amherst.
JAMES BRAZIER for St. Paul's Lodge at Groton.

On motion, VOTED, That the following letters, written to the M't Worshipful Grand Lodge at New York, etc., by the R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., a committee for that purpose, be recorded by the Grand Secretary, vizt:

WORCESTER, 20th March, A.L. 5807.

RIGHT WORSHIPFUL SIR:

The Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, ever attentive to the prosperity of the Craft generally, and particularly to the

Lodges under its Jurisdiction, has taken into consideration the Memorial of Cincinnatus and Wisdom Lodges, and feel a disposition to remove, if practicable, the cause of their complaint. To effect this they have appointed me a committee to consider of their Memorials, and to write to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of New York on the subject.

I have performed that duty and although I have really the good of the Fraternity at heart, I could have wished some other Brother had been designated for this purpose.

Should the M't W'l Grand Lodge of New York raise the price of Making, Passing and Raising, the ground of complaint of Cincinnatus and Wisdom Lodges would cease and they would not be desirous that the parent Lodge should remit those dues, which are a part of the chief source of existence.

Till lately the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has been unable to meet the necessary expenses of that existence, and is but just emerging from its pecuniary difficulties. Numerous things for the general good of the Craft, and absolutely necessary, are yet to be done, as speedily as its finances will permit; no Lodge therefore, as all owe their existence to the Grand Lodge, but will cheerfully pay with promptitude, the legal tho' small sums for Quarterages, Initiations, etc., and farther contribute all in its power to enable the Grand Lodge to govern all the general concerns of the Fraternity in this Commonwealth, with the dignity and honor becoming the Masonic Institution, and in which every Brother is interested.

The fees for Initiation under this Jurisdiction are now too low; it is therefore hoped that the Grand Lodge of New York will consent to raise the price in that State, equal to what it is in this; but if not, I make no doubt but the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will adopt some measures to remove any reasonable complaint of the Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

I am with esteem and Masonic regard,

Your friend and Brother,

ISAIAH THOMAS.

R.W. Brother Robert Walker, D. D. G'd Master.

P.S.—You will please to communicate the contents of this letter to Cincinnatus and Wisdom Lodges.

Copy of the letter to the M.W. Grand Lodge of New York, vizt:

Boston, 10th April, 1807.

Right W'l Brother and R.W. Brethren:

The Lodges, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, established in towns in this Commonwealth, and bordering on the State of New York, have petitioned the Grand Lodge aforesaid, and in their petition complain, "That the low price ask'd for Initiating, Passing and Raising in the neighboring Lodges within your State, has an unfavorable effect on them, the Lodges first mentioned, by inducing candidates, who live in their vicinity, to go over to the Lodges in New York to be initiated, etc., a circumstance which tends greatly to the injury of the complaining Lodges, who pray relief either by permitting them to initiate, etc., for the same sums as are required under your Jurisdiction, or by reducing Quarterage fees paid by said Lodges to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, or otherwise as the said Grand Lodge of Massachusetts may judge best.

The Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, at the Quarterly Communication in December and March last, attended to the petition aforesaid and, after duly deliberating thereon, did me the honor to appoint me a committee to write to you on the subject; instructing me, respectfully to inform you, that by a regulation made and passed, on the fifteenth day of December, A.L. 5801, the price of Making, Passing and Raising, in all the Lodges in this Commonwealth, was established at not less than eighteen dollars; in most of our Lodges the price is twenty dollars; which sum is thought, especially as money is much depreciated, a very low price for the attainment of the three degrees; and many are in favor of enhancing the sum to thirty dollars, for, altho', it is the wish of the Fraternity that all valuable members of society might partake of the benefits of Masonry, yet experience amply proves, that its acquirement should not be too cheap nor the door open for every man to obtain it for a trifling consideration.

It is the wish of the M't W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, that the M't W'l Grand Lodge of New York would take the subject into consideration; a conformity in the price of Initia-

tion, etc., would be desirable, as well as in the mode of working, etc., and in all other general and useful regulations. In short, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts wish, that union and harmony and every good that Masonry is intended to produce, may be promoted and maintained, and a mutual exchange of good offices may be perpetual between you and them.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will cheerfully engage in measures for this purpose, and pray our Sovereign Grand Master may have you in His holy keeping.

I am with esteem and respect in Masonic affection.

Your friend and Brother,

ISAIAH THOMAS,

P. G'd M'r.

M.W. GRAND MASTER,
R.W. GRAND OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE
OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed to inquire into the doings of the Grand Lecturer and to report on the subject of the compensation for him for services rendered, made the following report: That the sum officially received by the Grand Lecturer and for which he has credited the several Lodges is 930 dollars, and that there is due him seventy dollars.

That the Grand Lecturer has also received about seventy dollars, not as compensation for his labors, as such, but merely gratuities from friends and gratuities from the patrons of the Craft.

That as the Grand Lecturer could not avail himself of any precedent for the rule of his conduct, either as it respects the mode of performing the duties assigned him or the manner of reporting the same, therefore as the first cannot with propriety become a matter of record, so the latter ought not to be drawn into precedent for the rule of conduct for any future Grand Lecturer, and therefore ought not to be placed upon the records of the Grand Lodge.

All which is faithfully submitted.

Signed, SHUBAEL BELL, TIMOTHY WHITING, BENJ. RUSSELL, } Committee.

On motion, VOTED, That the foregoing report be accepted and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the Grand Lecturer seventy dollars in full of his demand.

A petition was presented from the Brethren of Pacific Lodge at Amherst for leave to hold the meetings of that Lodge, in future, in the town of Leverett, six miles north of their usual place of assembling, for reasons set forth at large in their petition, which is on file.

On motion, VOTED, That it be committed to the R.W. Brothers, Ezek. L. Bascomb, Lisle and Bell to report this evening.

The committee retired for the purpose assigned, returned and produced the following report, vizt:

BOSTON, 8th June, 5807.

The committee appointed to consider the above petition, report, that it is expedient that the prayer of petition be granted, provided the approbation of the R.W. D. Stebbins, District Deputy Grand Master of the District, to which such Lodge belongs, shall be obtained.

Signed, E. L. BASCOMB, H. M. LISLE, S. BELL, } Committee.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to give in a statement of the accounts of those District Deputy Grand Masters who are deficient in their returns, up to the last year.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to examine into the accounts of Friendship Lodge with the Grand Lodge, and make such deduction as they may see fit, from the peculiar situation of the finances of that Lodge.

A committee was chosen agreeably to the above vote, consisting of R.W. Brothers Russell, Drew and Badlam.

A petition from a number of Brethren in the town of Southwick, county of Hampshire, for a charter to hold a Lodge there, by the name of Sylvan Lodge, which was committed to R.W. Brothers Thompson, I. Skinner, Benjamin Russell and Rev'd

Benj. Thompson, who reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form, and was directed by the Most Worshipful Grand Master to stand closed to the 27th day of June, ensuing, then to meet at Lynn, in the county of Essex, for the purpose of constituting Mount Carmel Lodge.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

On the 27th day of June, A.L. 5807, agreeably to appointment, and by the direction of the M't W. Timothy Bigelow, Grand Master, the Grand Lodge assembled at Lynn, for the purpose of constituting the Mount Carmel Lodge; and the following Grand Officers were present:

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN MAY, JUN.	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. STEPHEN FRANCIS	1st Grand Steward.
W. JEREMIAH GARDNER	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

Having convened at the house of Brother James Robinson, at the hour of 12, the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and escorted by a deputation from Mount Carmel Lodge, accompanied by a good band of music, to Academy Hall, where they were received by Mount Carmel Lodge, there assembled in Masonic order.

After the formalities and ceremonies appropriate to the occasion, by direction of the M't W. Grand Master, a procession, Masonically arranged, was formed and moved to the House of Worship in Lynn, which was handsomely prepared and properly ornamented for the purposes of the day. The solemnities of consecration were performed as are customary when in public, interspersed with appropriate music. The ceremonials of Installation and Investiture were passed through in the order of the Craft, and a respective charge to each officer of Mount Carmel Lodge. Several odes and hymns, composed for and

appropriate to the occasion, were sung by a select choir, attended with the band.

An address was delivered by the R.W. and Rev. Asa Eaton, Grand Chaplain, and pastor of Christ Church in Boston, which was received with marked approbation; and prayers were offer'd to the Divine Architect by the Rev'd and R't W'l Brothers Bentley and Frothingham. After the benediction the Grand Lodge was renewed in procession, with about 200 Brethren, properly clothed, collected from various neighboring Lodges, and marched to Ward's Hotel and partook of a sumptuous entertainment prepared for the occasion.

The Grand Lodge retired at an early hour and returned to their place of meeting, where they closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A Quarterly Communication of the M't W'l Grand Lodge was holden at James Vila's Hotel, in Boston, 14th September, A.L. 5807.

Present.

M.W. Timothy Bigelow	Grand Master.
R.W. Joseph Laughton	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. John Soley	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
W. John B. Hammatt	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. Stephen Francis	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
R.W. Thomas Redman	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. Robert Lash, Jun.	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Michael Roulstone	Grand Stewards.
W. J. Jenkins	Grand Stewards.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. John Brock, Jun.	D. D. G. M. 12th District.

The following Lodges were constitutionally represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Friendship, Warren, Old Colony, Federal, Hiram, King Solomon's in Perfection, Mount Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Sincerity, Union of Nantucket, Saint Mark's, Sheffield, Amicable and Mount Carmel.

Petitions were severally presented to the M.W. Grand Lodge from King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection at Holmes' Hole, and Federal Lodge at Blanford, praying for a remission of past arrears for reasons assigned in their petitions, on file. On motion of the M't W'l Grand Master, it was Voted, That the R.W. Brothers Laughton, Drew and Bean be a committee to consider the said petitions and the situation of those Lodges; who after retiring a short time, returned and presented the following

Report.

The committee, to whom the foregoing petitions were refer'd, do report, that having considered the prayer of the petition from

Federal Lodge, do think it will be for benefit of that Lodge to have sixty-six dollars remitted to them.

Signed, JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
Per order.

The same committee report, that the sum of fifty-eight dollars fifty cents be remitted King Solomon's Lodge in Perfection, Holmes' Hole, for reasons offered by the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master of the 12th District and the R.W. Master of said Lodge.

Signed, JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
Per order.

Admitted as proxies this evening.

R.W. HENRY FOWLE for Federal Lodge, Blanford.
R.W. ELIAS BOND for Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell.

The following report was read by the Grand Secretary and accepted.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the request of Friendship Lodge at Williamstown, for such a remission of their dues to the Grand Lodge as they, on due inquiry, shall think proper and expedient, beg leave to report, that for reasons offered by R.W. Bro. Thompson I. Skinner, Jun., Past Master of that Lodge, and their present proxy, they recommend that the balance due from that Lodge of 32 dollars, be remitted them; they promising to conform in future, in all respects, to the present existing laws and future regulations of the Grand Lodge.

Signed, STEPHEN BADLAM, JUN., JOB DREW, } Committee.

The petition for a Lodge in Oxford County, town of Paris, was again presented. This petition had been committed in June last to R.W. Bros. Turner, Gardner and Sumner for consideration, it being deficient in a constitutional recommendation, who reported in favor of granting the prayer of the petition; the Lodge to bear the name of Oxford Lodge.

Agreeably to a vote passed at the last Quarterly Communication, the Recording Grand Secretary laid the following report before the Grand Lodge, vizt:

That the accounts of all the District Deputy Grand Masters have been regularly settled, and the accounts of the individual Lodges, conformably to their returns, have all been credited up to the last Annual Meeting, except the following Districts, vizt:

The Third District over which the R.W. Hector Orr, Esq., is District Deputy Grand Master.

The Sixth District, over which the R.W. Eben'r H. Phillips is District Deputy Grand Master, up to December, A.L. 5806.

The Eleventh District, over which the R.W. John Cooper, Esq., is District Deputy Grand Master.

The 3d District, which comprises nine Lodges, has been deficient one year only.

The 6th District there have been no returns, nor funds, since 5802, except in one instance. In March, 5804, Harris Lodge in this District remitted, thro' R.W. Timothy Whiting, Esq., sixty-four dollars, which has been duly passed to the credit of that Lodge in their account with the Grand Lodge.

Nor have there been any returns from the 11th District, consisting of four Lodges, since A.L. 5804.

There are several Lodges which have never made any returns or any payment at all to the Grand Lodge, owing perhaps to their not being visited, to distance, or want of funds. These Lodges are

Tuscan Lodge of Columbia — from this Lodge there appears to be eighty dollars due for Quarterages only — in the 11th District, Jno. Cooper, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master; United Lodge at Topsham, George Ulmer, District Deputy Grand Master; Rising Virtue at Hampden, George Ulmer, District Deputy Grand Master; Scioto at Chillicothe, State of Ohio; American Union at Marietta, State of Ohio; St. John's at Demarara, West Indies.

A letter and communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania was read by the Secretary and on motion, Voted, That a committee should be nominated by the Grand Master from the Chair, to take their important and interesting contents into their consideration and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication, and that the Grand Secretary be directed, in the interim, to inform them of the passing this vote. The vote

was unanimous and the following R.W. Brethren appointed accordingly, R.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Allen Crocker, R.W. Simon Elliot.

On motion of the M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Grand Master, it was VOTED, To choose a committee to inquire what articles are necessary to procure for the use and convenience of the Grand Lodge, and to report at the next Quarterly Communication, when the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: Henry Fowle, Job Drew and Peter Osgood.

Petitions from Jerusalem Lodge, at Northampton, for leave to remove to Williamsburg; also, from Pacific Lodge for leave to remove from Amherst to Leverett, and from Old Colony Lodge for leave to remove from Hanover to the town of Hingham, were severally read and on motion, VOTED, To grant the prayers of their petitions.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION.

A COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was holden at Masons Hall, Market Square, on the 14th of December, A.L. 5807.

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SIMON ELLIOT	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. CHARLES P. SUMNER	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOSEPH LAUGHTON	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. ROBERT LASH	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN JACKSON	Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD	D. D. G. M. 5th District.
R.W. & Rev. EZEKIEL L. BASCOMB	D. D. G. M. 6th District.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	P. D. D. G. Master.
R.W. BENJAMIN GLEASON	Past Grand Lecturer.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies:

ZEBINA EASTMAN for	Pacific Lodge		Amherst.
RUFUS WASHBURNE	Ancient Landmark Lodge,		Portland.
JOB DREW	Old Colony	do.	Hanover.
LEWIS HUNT	Republican	do.	Greenfield.
MOSES GREENLEAF	Cumberland	do.	for the evening.
AMOS TOPPAN	St. Peter's	do.	ditto.
JOSEPH W. JENKINS	Mount Zion	do.	ditto.
OLIVER PRESCOTT	St. Paul's	do.	ditto.

The committee, appointed at the last Quarterly Communication, to take into consideration the subject of letters to this

Grand Lodge from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, produced the following report:

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS,

December the 5th, A.L. 5807.

The committee appointed by this M.W. Grand Lodge at the Quarterly Communication in September last, on the subject of the communication from the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, dated Aug't 3d, 5807, respecting a convention of delegates from the several Grand Lodges in the United States, to meet at Philadelphia the first Monday in May next for the purposes mentioned in said communication, report: that they deem it expedient that this Grand Lodge approbate the proposal of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, to send a deputation to meet the deputies of such other Grand Lodges as have been or may be appointed to meet at Philadelphia on the first Monday of May next, to consult on measures for the general benefit of Masonry in the United States; particularly, to endeavor to form a more intimate connection and establish a more regular and permanent intercourse between the several Grand Lodges, that their combined exertions may enable the Fraternity to extend the benevolent spirit of its order, and promote a complete uniformity of government, discipline and labor in the subordinate Lodges, and thereby increase the respectability of the Craft so that eventually the Wisdom which cements, the Strength that supports, and the Beauty which adorns the Columbian Masonic Column may be viewed with delight by the Fraternity throughout the world, and excite them to venerate this Column as one of the chief pillars that support the magnificent temple of Masonry.

Your committee request leave to propose the following resolutions, vizt:

That the Corresponding Grand Secretary be directed to answer the communication from the Grand Lodge of the 3d of August last, and inform that R.W. Lodge of the measures taken by this Grand Lodge relative to the said communication.

RESOLVED, That the Secretary transmit, as soon as may be, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge relative to the communi-

cation from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, of the 3d of August last, to the several Grand Lodges of the United States.

All which is most respectfully submitted by your committee.

ISAIAH THOMAS,
ALLEN CROCKER,
SIMON ELLIOT.

The foregoing report, being read by the Grand Secretary, was unanimously accepted. On motion, VOTED, That the expenses ensuing for the journeyings of the deputation of the Grand Lodge to meet in convention with the delegates of other Grand Bodies at Philadelphia, in no case shall exceed two hundred dollars.

A communication was received from R.W. St. John's Lodge at Stabrock, Demarara, which being read, was committed to the

R.W. Bro.	TIMOTHY WHITING . .	Past D. D. Grand Master.
R.W. "	ISAIAH THOMAS . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. "	BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.

A communication was presented by the R't W'l Bro. Hopkins from Portland Lodge, at Portland, which, on motion, was VOTED, To be read, but the vote, after much debate, was reconsidered, and the following vote passed the Grand Lodge unanimously, vizt: VOTED, That in consequence of the multiplicity of business now before the Grand Lodge, the Grand Secretary be directed to inform the R't W'l Master of Portland Lodge that the communication received from that Lodge be postponed to the next Quarterly Communication.

The charter of Portland Lodge, having been previously presented to the Most W'l Grand Master, it was by him laid on the Grand Secretary's table, to be produced, with the communication, the next Lodge night.

The following communication was received from R.W. St. Andrew's Lodge, now under the Jurisdiction of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Scotland, and read by the Grand Secretary.

SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE, 30th November, 5807.

MOST WORSHIPFUL AND RESPECTABLE BRETHREN,

St. Andrew's Lodge, having ascertained by a committee, appointed for that purpose, what is due from them to their parent,

the Grand Lodge of Scotland, have determined to remit to the said Grand Lodge the balance due, and request of them an honorable dismission; and, if obtained, to unite themselves under your Jurisdiction, provided they can be received in such manner, and placed in such situation as will comport with the honor and dignity of both Lodges. And as it is necessary they should know whether this object can be obtained, previous to their writing the Grand Lodge of Scotland, the manner and form of which will depend on the arrangement which is made with your respectable Lodge (as they will not by any means solicit a dismission from the Lodge which gave them birth, and whom they hold in the highest veneration and esteem, without the fullest assurance of being received and placed in such a station in your Lodge as becomes their antiquity); and that they may with pleasure render to you the respect which is due to the head of the Grand Masonic family of this Commonwealth, they have for the purposes above alluded to, appointed Brothers Elisha Sigourney, Andrew Sigourney, Benjamin Hurd, Jun., David Bradlee, James Green, Henry Purkitt and James Farrar, a committee to wait upon and confer with any committee your respectable Lodge may please to appoint, on the business herein mentioned. You will therefore please to take this subject into your wise consideration, and the above committee will meet your committee, at any time and place they may appoint, to discuss this business, that it may terminate in such manner as will tend to promote the honor, harmony and prosperity of the whole Masonic family of this Commonwealth is the ardent wish of St. Andrew's Lodge, by whom I am directed to give you the above information, and in whose behalf I have the honor to subscribe myself, with respect and esteem.

Your fraternal and obedient servant,

JOSEPH SMITH,
Secretary.

M.W. Grand Lodge of
Massachusetts.

On motion, it was then VOTED, That a committee be now chosen to confer with the committee of St. Andrew's Lodge on the subject of their communication, and that this committee consist of seven and be elected by ballot. The votes were then dis-

tributed and on being collected, counted and sorted, it appeared that the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master; Timothy Whiting, Past District Deputy Grand Master; R.W. John Warren, Past Grand Master; Jas. Laughton, Past Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master; Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer, and the Hon'ble Daniel Davis, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master of the 1st District.

The present committee of conference, to whom the communication from the R.W. St. Andrew's Lodge was referred, having been duly notified, met at the Green Dragon Tavern, in Boston, the 5th December, A.L. 5807, and after a conference with the committee of St. Andrew's Lodge, the following was agreed to, vizt:

To the R.W. Elisha Sigourney and the Committee of St. Andrew's Lodge,

Brethren,

The committee of the Grand Lodge, to whom was refer'd the communication of St. Andrew's Lodge of November the 30th ultimo, having experienced much pleasure from the conference of the day, and being desirous by every means in their power to promote the interests of our Ancient Fraternity, beg leave to solicit your attention to the following Articles in the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge.

"All Lodges heretofore established may retain their original charters (the dates and Grand Lodges from whence they were respectively issued being recorded by the Grand Secretary), and a due representation with the payments of equal quarterly payments, or assessments, shall entitle such Lodges to take precedency, accordingly to seniority."

It is the unanimous opinion of the committee, that by this Article the Lodge, you so honorably represent, may connect itself with the Grand Lodge of the Commonwealth; and that a compliance with the requisitions, there specified, will entitle it to all the privileges of such a connection.

I am with fraternal esteem, etc.

Josiah Bartlett,
Chairman.

To the above the committee of St. Andrew's Lodge made the following respectful reply:

WORSHIPFUL BRETHREN,

The committee of St. Andrew's Lodge have the pleasure to inform you that they are perfectly satisfied with the propositions this day made them on the part of the Grand Lodge, and which they have no doubt will meet the approbation of their Lodge, and which they will take the earliest opportunity of laying before them. Necessary steps will be immediately taken to procure an honorable discharge from their parent Lodge, which, when received, shall be immediately communicated to your Grand Lodge.

ELISHA SIGOURNEY,
Chairman of the Committee of St. Andrew's Lodge.

December 15th, 1807.
The Committee of the Grand
Lodge of Massachusetts.

The Grand Lodge retired for a short time, moving in procession to the apartment appropriated to refreshment, and returned in the same order.

The M.W. Grand Master announced from the Chair that the hour had arrived when the Grand Lodge usually chose the Grand Officers for the ensuing year. On motion, VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed to collect, count and sort the votes, when the following Brethren were chosen for that purpose, viz: R.W. Brother Laughton, R.W. Timothy Whiting, R.W. Benj. Russell.

The votes being regularly taken for the respective Grand Officers, it appeared the following Brethren were unanimously elected, viz:

M.W. & Hon. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Recording Grand Secretary.

R.W. Brother John Soley had the honor of being chosen Senior Grand Warden prior to Brother Bell, but declined accepting the office.

The M.W. Grand Master, escorted by a committee chosen for that purpose, was placed in the Chair of Solomon and was proclaimed in the Grand Lodge by the Grand Marshal, to be re-elected Grand Master of Masons for the state of Massachusetts for the year of Light, 5808.

The Most Worshipful then invested the other Grand Officers-elect, who were also proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then directed the Grand Marshal to announce the following Grand Officers, appointed by him for the year ensuing:

R.W. Simon Elliot	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Thad's M. Harris	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. John B. Hammatt	Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Lash, Jr. R.W. Job Drew	Grand Stewards.
R.W. Thos. Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Michael Roulstone	1st Pursuivant.
W. Pliny Hartshorn	2nd Pursuivant.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
W. & Rev. Asa Eaton W. & Rev. James Thompson	Grand Chaplains.

The Standing Committee of Accounts and Finance laid the following annual report on the Secretary's table, which being read, was unanimously accepted and ordered on record, vizt:

Boston, 13th December, 5807.

The Standing Committee on the money concerns of the Grand Lodge report, that they have examined the returns of such part of the District Deputy Grand Masters as have made them, and also the books of the Grand Secretary, and find that since their last report of the 8th December, A.L. 5806, the Grand Secretary has received as follows, vizt:

Of the R.W. JOHN BOYLE, D. D. G. M.	1st District	.....	$438.00
R.W. JONATHAN GAGE,	2d do.	.....	182.00
R.W. JOHN D. DUNBAR, P. D. D. G. M.	3d do.	.....	100.00
R.W. SETH PADELFORD,	4th do.	.....	90.00
R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD,	5th do.	.....	118.00
R.W. DANIEL STEBBINS,	6th do.	.....	78.00
R.W. ROBERT WALKER,	8th do.	.....	92.00
R.W. GEORGE ULMER,	10th do.	.....	54.00
R.W. WILLIAM COFFIN,	12th do.	.....	34.00
R.W. Master of Corner Stone Lodge		.....	16.00
			$1,202.00

Also further received of		
R.W. WOODBURY STORER, D. D. G. M.	.....	$147.00
Solar Lodge	.....	52.00
Mount Vernon and Pentucket Lodges,	2 Charters.....	142.00
Ionic and Oxford Lodges,	2 Charters.....	142.00
Sylvan Lodge,	1 Charter.....	71.00
Of Washington Remembered Lodge	.....	10.00
For Festival Tickets, arrears	.....	9.00
Eight Diplomas for Initiates	.....	6.00
		$1,781.00

This sum the Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary, etc., duly receipted therefor. The committee also find that there was in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, as by settlement in December, 5806, a balance of..... 1,539.27
Which with the above sum of 1,781.00

Make a total of .....dollars 3,320.27

That since the last report the Grand Treasurer has Drs.
paid by orders, duly drawn, the sum of 1,085.10

for which he has presented to your committee proper vouchers and receipts as by schedule annexed.

Your committee also report that the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer have been fairly kept, right cast and well vouched; that the records of the Grand Secretary have been faithfully kept, and that there now remains in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, a balance of twenty-two hundred thirty-five dollars and seventeen cents, which the committee respectfully submit ought to be invested in such public stock, made payable to the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, or his successor in that office, as a committee of this Grand Lodge shall deem most beneficial.

The committee state that the Grand Treasurer has also in his hands, two promissory notes, for seventy-one dollars each, given by Brother Jarvis Cutler, of Scioto, and another for fifty dollars, given by the R.W. and Hon'ble Samuel Thatcher, Esq., of the District of Maine; and respectfully submit that the Grand Treasurer be directed to take measures for the collection of the same.

The committee are happy in being able to report on the punctuality of the District Deputy Grand Masters generally. Some few are delinquent, and the committee have apprised them, by letter, of such delinquency and requested their attention at the Annual Communication to remove the same. Should the delinquency remain after the Annual Communication, the committee will report on it at the Communication in March next.

The committee further report, that the labors of the Grand Secretary have been arduous, and that in their opinion the same compensation ought to be made him this year as was made the last year.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN RUSSELL,
JOSEPH LAUGHTON,
Committee of Finance, etc.

N.B.—The sum awarded to the Grand Recording Secretary is 250 dollars.

The Right Worshipful Brother Henry Fowle was, on motion, VOTED, To be one of the Committee of Accounts and Finance, vice Bro. Wm. Scollay resigned.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the same Committee of Accounts and Finance to invest the funds of the Grand Lodge, now in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, in such species of stocks as they shall judge to be the safest and most productive to the interest of Grand Lodge.

The committee, appointed the last Quarterly Communication to inspect the regalia of the Grand Lodge and inform what was wanting for the use and convenience of the same, reported, that the following articles were wanting, vizt: two truncheons, 15

inches long, gilt ends; square and compasses, gilt; two large candlesticks of brass; covering for black cushion; six small candlesticks of brass; one book of Constitutions, bound in morocco and marked; six staves for Deacons and Stewards and one stave for the M.W. Grand Master.

All which is most respectfully submitted.

HENRY FOWLE,
Per order.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the bills for the foregoing articles when presented.

On motion, VOTED, That Brother John B. Hammatt be added to the committee for completing the regalia.

The Most W. Timothy Bigelow was pleased to appoint the following Brethren to be

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS FOR 5808.

1st	District	R.W. DANIEL DAVIS, ESQ., of Boston.
2d	do.	R.W. ELIAS H. DERBY, ESQ., of Salem.
3d	do.	R.W. CHARLES TURNER, JR., ESQ., of Scituate.
4th	do.	R.W. JAMES ELLIS, ESQ., of Rehoboth.
5th	do.	R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD, ESQ., of Framingham.
6th	do.	R.W. EZEKIEL L. BASCOMB, of Gerry.
7th	do.	R.W. JOHN PHELPS, ESQ., of Granville.
8th	do.	R.W. ROBERT WALKER, ESQ., of Windsor.
9th	do.	R.W. JOHN D. HOPKINS, ESQ., of Portland.
10th	do.	R.W. SAMUEL THATCHER, ESQ., of Warren.
11th	do.	R.W. OLIVER SHEAD, ESQ., of Eastport.
12th	do.	R.W. JOHN BROCK, ESQ., of Nantucket.

After the usual business of the evening was completed, prayers were again addressed to the Throne of Deity by the R.W. and Rev'd Ezekiel L. Bascomb, officiating Grand Chaplain, and the Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, on the evening of the 14th of March, 5808.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. CHARLES P. SUMNER	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. ROBERT LASH, JR.	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOB DREW	
W. PLINY HARTSHORN	Grand Pursuivants.
W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. WILLIAM COFFIN	P. D. D. G. M. of 12th District.
R.W. JONATHAN MAYNARD	P. D. D. G. M. of 5th District.
R.W. SAMUEL THATCHER	D. D. G. M. of 10th District.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Essex, Federal, Old Colony, Republican, Middlesex, Columbian, St. Paul's, Washington, Jerusalem, Hiram, Meridian, Pacific, Mount Moriah, Rising Star, Sincerity, Mount Lebanon, Rural, Constellation, Merrimack, Oriental and Pentucket.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren in the town of St. Stephens, in the Province of New Brunswick, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to hold a Lodge at that place, subject to the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, and was committed to the following Brethren, vizt: R.W. B. Russell, R.W. H. Fowle and R.W. J. Soley, who produced the following report, vizt:

That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be directed to inform the Provincial Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia of the foregoing application; and that the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts will take no measures in the premises, unless with the cordial approbation of the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia.

Respectfully submitted,

BENJ. RUSSELL,

Per order.

This report was unanimously accepted.

A letter from the R.W. Timothy Whiting, Past District Deputy Grand Master for the 5th District, was read by the Most W. Grand Master from the Chair, which produced the following motion from the R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master, vizt: that a committee be raised to take into consideration the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge, and propose such alterations and amendments as are adapted to the present state of Masonry in this Commonwealth; that they report their doings at the next Quarterly Communication, and that all voters in Grand Lodge be specially directed to attend. R.W. B. Russell, Grand Marshal, proposed the M. W'l Grand Master for one of the committee, who accepted, and then nominated (agreeably to a vote for that purpose) the following R't W'l Brethren in addition, vizt:

JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Master.
ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
TIMOTHY WHITING	P. D. D. G. Master.
JON'A MAYNARD	D. D. G. Master 5th District.

The following Brethren were admitted to seats as proxies, vizt:

EDWARD GOODWIN for Trinity Lodge. JOSEPH JENKINS for Mt. Zion Lodge. JOHN JACKSON for Warren Lodge. THOS. L. PARKER for Oriental Lodge.

The following motion by R.W. Job Drew was made and passed, vizt: That the charter of Old Colony Lodge may be renewed for the purpose of having the same engrossed on parchment, without any prejudice to their rank; and that in their

renewed charter the town of Hingham may be expressed as the place for holding that Lodge, in future, instead of the town of Hanover as at present.

On motion, VOTED, That R. W'l Shubael Bell be added to the Committee of Accounts and Finance in the place of R.W. Brother J. Laughton, deceased.

On motion, VOTED, That the communication received from Portland Lodge, at our last meeting, be now read, which was accordingly done by the Marshal. It was then VOTED, To commit the same to the following R.W. Brethren, to report the next Quarterly Communication, vizt: John Soley, Josiah Bartlett, Timothy Bigelow, Grand Master; Benjamin Russell, Francis J. Oliver.

The M.W. Grand Lodge confirmed the expulsion of D—— D—— from the Merrimack Lodge, as communicated by that Lodge this evening.

A letter was read from R.W. Brother Nathaniel Dummer declining his appointment as District Deputy Grand Master for the 9th Masonic District; and the M.W. Grand Master, Timothy Bigelow, Esq., was pleased to appoint R. Worshipful John D. Hopkins, of Portland, over that District, in his stead.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, having left the Chair of Solomon, it was constitutionally filled by the R. W'l Brother Shubael Bell, Senior Grand Warden; and after prayers and a benediction by the R.W. and Rev'd Bro. Asa Eaton, officiating Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed in DUE FORM.

The M.W. Grand Master directed that the M.W. Grand Lodge should meet at Masons Hall, on the second Monday of June next, at 3 o'clock P.M.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE of Massachusetts was held at Masons Hall, Boston, Monday, the 13th day of June, A.L. 5808.

PRESENT.

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW .	Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JNO. B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JNO. PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. ROBERT LASH, JR. .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
W. J. JACOBS	1st. Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. JOHN PHELPS	D. D. G. M. 7th District.
R.W. JOHN BROCK	D. D. G. M. 12th District.

The following Lodges were duly represented, viz: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Warren, Essex, Rural, Old Colony, Federal, Columbian, St. Paul's, Cincinnatus, Washington, Fellowship, Mount Moriah, Rising Star, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, United, Merrimack, Mount Carmel, Ancient Landmark and Amicable.

A letter was received from Scioto Lodge and read by the Grand Secretary, the subject of which being duly discussed, it was on motion, VOTED, That Scioto Lodge be and is hereby released from their allegiance to this Grand Lodge, and that their dues for Quarterages and Initiates be relinquished that Lodge agreeably to their request.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren in the town of Farmington, county of Kennebec, for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town, by the name of Maine Lodge; also another petition from a number of Brethren in the town of Granville, county of Hampshire, for a charter to hold a Lodge by the name of Mount Pleasant Lodge; both which petitions were committed

to the R't W'l Brothers, Henry Fowle, Oliver Bray and Joseph Jenkins. The committee retired for a short time and returning produced the following report: The committee to take into consideration the petition from E. Porter and others for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Farmington, report, that in their opinion it is expedient that the petition be recommitted, and lay over till the next Communication, to obtain further information respecting the petitioners. With respect to the petition of R.W. John Phelps and others, your committee respectfully report, that the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted, provided the District Deputy Grand Master of that District approbates the same.

All which is humbly submitted.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE, OLIVER BRAY, JOS. JENKINS, } Committee.

The petition from Granville Lodge being sanctioned by R.W. Jno. Phelps, it was VOTED, To grant a charter, agreeably to the petition.

On motion, VOTED, That the section of the foregoing report, which respects the petition from Farmington, be so far altered as that the result of the information required shall be received at Portland, where the Grand Lodge will convene the 14th day of July next.

A letter from the R.W. Brother Henry Fowle, Past Grand Warden, was read by the Grand Secretary, detailing certain recent transactions of the officers of Washington Lodge of Roxbury, vizt: their clandestinely using the charter of that Lodge for purposes and designs never contemplated by this Grand Lodge; when after a very candid and dispassionate investigation of this important subject, on motion of W. Brother Jno. Jackson, the following vote passed unanimously, vizt:

It appearing to this Grand Lodge, that the charter, by them granted to the Washington Lodge of Roxbury, has been appropriated by the officers of that Lodge to the purposes of conferring and receiving other degrees than those known to this Grand Lodge, it is therefore VOTED, That the same be resumed.

VOTED, That a copy of the above vote be transmitted without delay to the Secretary of Washington Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

VOTED, That the Grand Marshal be directed to call on the Master of Washington Lodge and demand their charter, and that the Most W'l Grand Master grant a Warrant of Authority for that purpose.

On motion of R.W. Brother A. Bond, proxy for Kennebec Lodge at Hallowell, VOTED, That the charter of that Lodge, now inscribed on paper, be engrossed on parchment by the Grand Secretary, bearing the same date and equal rank as before.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening:

SAMUEL BREWER for Harmony Lodge, Northfield.
JOHN HURD for Wisdom Lodge, West Stockbridge.
AMOS BOND for Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell.
BENJ. GLEASON for Cincinnatus Lodge, Great Barrington.
TIMOTHY WHITING for Trinity Lodge, Lancaster.

The following letter from the Grand Lodge of Charleston, So. Carolina, was read and order'd to be recorded, vizt:

CHARLESTON, SO. CAROLINA,
27th April, 5808.

SIR AND BROTHER,

I hasten to acquaint you, for the information of your M't W'l Grand Lodge, that the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, convinc'd of the importance as well as the pleasure that will result to it from a correspondence with its sister Grand Lodges, has made an arrangement by which this department of its duties will be facilitated and extended. It has elected a Corresponding Grand Secretary, who in future will be charged with this duty, and from whose office, it is confidently hoped, much good will result to the Craft by a reciprocal interchange of opinions and the communication of useful Masonic information.

It has done me the honor to elect me to this office, and I embrace this early opportunity of assuring you of the individual pleasure I shall feel in commencing a correspondence with your M.W. Grand Lodge, and in uniting with you in promoting the

honor and respectability of the Mystic Art and the interest and happiness of its members.

You will be good enough, in future, to direct your communications to me.

I have the honor to be,

Sir and Brother, respectfully yours,

FREDERICK DALCHO,

Corresponding Grand Secretary.

Address to

FRED'K DALCHO, M.D.,

Charleston, South Carolina.

The expulsion of E—— J—— from S—— Lodge, of which he was Secretary, for violating his oath and honor as a Mason by selling the seal of that Lodge, and fraudulently withholding the Lodge's money from the Treasurer, and absconding with the same, was this evening confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

The following communication from Massachusetts Lodge, by their committee, was received and read by the Grand Secretary, vizt:

That Brother J—— B——, contrary to the duties of morality and in violation of Masonic obligations, has been actively concern'd with others in counterfeiting bank notes and feloniously passing the same; and that he has been instrumental in seducing others from the path of honesty to villainy and disgrace. These facts appear not only from evidence but from his own confession, and though he is exonerated from legal punishment, yet, in our opinion, he ought to be expelled from the Lodge.

Signed, JOB DREW,
ELIAS HASKELL,
MOSES GARDNER,

On motion, VOTED, That the foregoing expulsion be confirmed by this Grand Lodge.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM, and the most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to direct that it should

stand closed till the 14th day of July next, then to meet at Portland, county of Cumberland, for the installation of Ancient Landmark Lodge, and other purposes.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Agreeably to directions of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met at Portland, and was opened in AMPLE FORM, for the purpose of constituting Ancient Landmark Lodge and installing its officers. The following Brethren constituted the Grand Lodge on that occasion, vizt:

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W. WOODBURY STORER	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JONATHAN GAGE	P. D. D. G. M. 2nd District.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. GEORGE RICHARDS	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN JACKSON	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. BRO. SALTER	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. BRO. FOWLE	Senior Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
R.W. BRO. MCLELLAN	Junior Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. JOHN DIX	Bearer of Great Lights.
R.W. P. EASTMAN	Grand Tyler, *pro tem.*

A committee was appointed to wait on Ancient Landmark Lodge and inform them that the Grand Lodge was opened and ready to receive any communication; when, having joined the Grand Lodge at Union Hall, a procession was formed at 12 o'clock, consisting of

Visiting Brethren.
Mount Vernon Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.
Band of Music.
Members of Ancient Landmark Lodge.
Officers-elect.
Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

The procession in this order, arranged by Grand Marshal, proceeded to the Rev'd Mr. Kellog's meeting-house.

The exercises commenced with a solemn and devout address to the Throne of Grace by the Rev'd Brother Herrick, Grand Chaplain. After music in an appropriate style, a very ingenious discourse by the Rev'd and R.W. Brother George Richards, of Portsmouth, from Proverbs 22d: 28.

The ceremony of consecration of Ancient Landmark Lodge, and the installation of its officers, were then performed in a solemn manner by the officers of the M.W. Grand Lodge, with suitable music.

The performances closed with a very impressive address from the Grand Master. The procession then formed and returned to the hall, where upwards of two hundred of the Craft sat down to a sumptuous dinner provided for the occasion. After which toasts were drank by the Grand Lodge and were duly and aptly reciprocated.

The Grand Lodge was then escorted to their first place of opening; was closed in Ample Form, to meet at Boston on the second Monday of September next.

Signed, Thaddeus M. Harris,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

In addition to the foregoing the following votes passed at Portland unanimously.

The petition from Farmington was read agreeably to a vote of the Grand Lodge in June last. On motion, Voted, That a deputation be granted for one year, revocable at the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to R.W. and Rev'd George Richards, of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, Grand Chaplain of this Grand Lodge, pro tem, for the able and truly Masonic address pronounced by him this day at the request of Ancient Landmark Lodge, and that the Grand Secretary be requested to transmit to R.W. Brother Richards a copy of this vote.

A true copy.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, 12th of September, A.L. 5808.

PRESENT.

R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ALLEN CROCKER	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT LASH	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Past Grand Masters.
Rev. & R.W. ASA EATON R.W. OLIVER PRESCOTT	Grand Chaplain.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Old Colony, Essex, Federal, Republican, Columbian, Washington, Kennebec, Union, Jerusalem, St. Paul's, Fellowship, Adams, Meridian, Mount Moriah, Morning Star, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Aurora, Union of Nantucket, Constellation and Amicable.

R.W. Brother Grand Marshal reported that he had applied to the R.W. Master of Washington Lodge, at Roxbury, agreeably to the direction of the M.W. Grand Master on the last Quarterly Communication, for their charter, (which was voted to be rescinded), that it was delivered him according to request, and he now laid it on the Grand Secretary's table.

On motion, VOTED, That the report be accepted.

A memorial and petition from a number of the members of Washington Lodge, praying for the restoration of their charter, which had been resumed by the Grand Lodge, which being read,

it was, on motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take the same into consideration, together with the concerns of that Lodge generally and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication; and that in the interim they might meet and act as a Lodge under the Warrant they now hold from this Grand Lodge. This vote passed unanimously and the following Brethren chosen, vizt:

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL,
R.W. HENRY FOWLE, } Committee.
Rev. Bro. ASA EATON,

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to inquire whether any attempts are making, or have been made, whereby the rights of this Grand Lodge are usurped, and to communicate the result of their inquiries to this Grand Lodge forthwith. This vote passed unanimously and the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: Benjamin Russell, Shubael Bell, Henry Fowle, Job Drew, Oliver Prescott.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren in the towns of Sandisfield and London, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in Sandisfield by the name of Rising Sun Lodge, which being constitutionally recommended, VOTED, To grant the prayer thereof.

Brother David Child was admitted proxy, St. Paul's Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That the honorable and respectful letter from the Grand Lodge of Nova Scotia, now read by the Corresponding Grand Secretary, relative to the application of a number of Brethren for a Lodge at St. Stephen's, New Brunswick, be accepted as satisfactory to this Grand Lodge; and that he be directed to return the petition to the applicants.

A report, from the committee on the concerns of Portland Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge, being read by the Grand Secretary, it was, on motion, VOTED, That the report should not be accepted.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to remind the several District Deputy Grand Masters of the extreme importance of their making report on the state of Masonry in their respective Districts on or before the next Annual Communication, as a new Grand Master will then be elected.

The following R.W. Brethren were appointed, Oliver Prescott, Job Drew, Benj. Russell.

The expulsion of William Gregory, Jun., from Amity Lodge, for gross violations of the laws and regulations of Masonry, confirmed by vote of the Grand Lodge.

Prayers were address'd to the Supreme Architect of the Universe by the officiating Grand Chaplain, Rev. Bro. Asa Eaton, and the M.W. Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

PROCEEDING AT KENNEBEC LODGE, NINTH DISTRICT, at Hallowell, July 20th, A.L. 5808.

Previous notice having been given to the several Lodges in the District, a District Deputy Grand Lodge was formed and held at the house of Brother Nathaniel Tillton, in Hallowell, for the purpose of constituting Kennebec Lodge and installing its officers, in obedience to a Special Commission from M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq.

PRESENT.

R.W. JAMES D. HOPKINS .	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SOLOMON VOSE .	P. D. D. Grand Master.
R.W. NATH'L DUMMER .	D. D. S. G. Warden.
R.W. BENJAMIN PAGE . .	D. D. J. G. Warden.
R.W. JONATHAN PAGE . .	D. D. Grand Treasurer.
W. JAMES M. INGRAHAM . .	D. D. Grand Secretary.
Bro. NATHANIEL MOODY . . .	D. D. S. G. Deacon.
W. HOSEA ILLSLEY	D. D. J. G. Deacon.
W. PETER H. GREENE . .	D. D. S. G. Steward.
W. JONATHAN LORING	D. D. J. G. Steward.
Rev. & W. SAMUEL HASKELL . .	D. D. Grand Chaplain.
Bro. JEREMIAH PERLEY . . .	Orator for the Day.
Bro. SAMUEL HOWARD . . .	D. D. Grand Marshal.
Bro. ELIJAH HALL	D. D. Grand Tyler.

The District Deputy Grand Lodge was opened at 11 o'clock, A. M. A grand procession being formed, proceeded to Longfellow's Hall, where Kennebec Lodge was convened, and the order of the day being proclaimed, a grand procession was again formed and the District Deputy Grand Lodge, the officers-elect of Kennebec Lodge, with its members, and a very respectable number of officers and members of other Lodges, proceeded to the meeting-house of the Rev'd Elijah Gillett, where, after a solemn and fervent address to the Throne of Grace by Rev'd Mr. Gillett, a pertinent and elegant oration was deliver'd by Brother Jeremiah Perley, Esq.

The ceremonies of consecration then commenced and Kennebec Lodge was constituted, and its officers installed in Due Form.

The ceremonies being finished, the procession was again formed and returned in the same order to Brother Fitton's Hall, and after partaking of an elegant entertainment provided by Brother Fitton, at 4 o'clock, P. M. the District Deputy Grand Lodge returned to their place of meeting, and was closed in Due Form.

Signed, James M. Ingraham,
District Deputy Grand Secretary.

A true copy.
Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

AN ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE held at Masons Hall, on the evening of the 12th of December, A.L. 5808.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS . . .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. SAMUEL P. P. FAY . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. & Rev. EZEKIEL L. BASCOMB .	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN BARTLETT . . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
R.W. ROBERT LASH . . .	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. JOB DREW	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE .	Grand Pursuivants.
W. PLINY HARTSHORN . .	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . . .	Grand Tyler.

with the Most Worshipful and R't W'l Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and Masters, Wardens and proxies of most of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and prayers were offered up to the Divine Architect by the Rev'd Bro. Bartlett.

The Marshal presented a letter from the Most W'l Timothy Bigelow, Grand Master, in which he apologized for his necessary absence and detention on a journey. The constitutional term of his presiding as Grand Master, being expired, he expressed the most affectionate sentiments of esteem and veneration for the Grand Lodge, and the most ardent sensations of gratitude for the testimonials of respect and attention paid to him whilst he has had the honor of filling the Chair of Solomon, etc.

On motion, it was VOTED, To commit his letter to the three following Brethren, vizt: R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master; R.W. John D. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Timothy Whiting, District Deputy Grand Master.

The committee chosen at the last Quarterly Communication to inquire if any, and what, innovations have been made in Masonry, generally, and in particular in the regard of irregularities and unconstitutional proceedings of a number of the Officers and Brethren of Washington Lodge, of Roxbury, beg'd leave to report, that they had attended to that business; and presented a letter from the unoffending Brethren of that Lodge. An animated and lengthy debate ensued, when the following motion from Rev'd Bro. Harris was put and seconded, vizt: that the memorialists and petitioners of Washington Lodge, whose names the committee have reported, have their charter restored to them, which passed in the affirmative, unanimously.

The Right Worshipful Samuel Barry, now Master-elect of Washington Lodge, being admitted into the Grand Lodge-room, made a respectful address of thanks for the privilege of again receiving their charter and was allowed his seat accordingly.

The following letter was presented by the Right Worshipful Henry Fowle, and read by the Grand Secretary, vizt:

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Wardens, and other Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge, etc.

GENTLEMEN,

At a regular meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Massachusetts in June last, the subscribers were appointed a committee to wait upon, and act in concert with, any committee which the Grand Lodge has appointed, or may appoint, for the purpose of inquiring what innovations have been made on the Ancient Laws and Regulations, usages and customs of the Craft, and to take such measures as they may think proper to restore and preserve that obedience without which no society can prosper. The committee embrace the present opportunity to offer their congratulations to the M't W'l Grand Lodge on the general prosperity, order and harmony which prevail among the Craft, and although spots are discernable on the face of the

luminary—the Sun—yet his glorious lustre remains unimpaired and his benign and salutary influence undiminished.

We have the honor to be with high respect and esteem,

Gentlemen, your fraternal humble servants,

Committee { HENRY FOWLE, ANDREW SIGOURNEY, THOMAS JACKSON, HENRY PURKITT, EDWARD HORSEMAN.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of conference be appointed by this Grand Lodge to meet the committee of the Royal Arch Chapter, and a nomination being called for, the following Brethren were chosen,

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT. R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL. R.W. EZEK'L L. BASCOMB.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE.

On motion, VOTED, That to the committee, now chosen, be added the committee of five chosen in September last, and the whole be a joint committee to complete the important purposes contemplated in the respectful letter from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter, and that they report at the Festival of St. John, the Evangelist.

A letter was presented from R.W. Bro. Prentice and others, a committee from the accused Brethren of Washington Lodge at Roxbury, praying leave to be heard before the Joint Committee of fifteen, expressed in very respectful and urgent terms, which was unanimously granted.

A letter from Essex Lodge was presented, read and refer'd to the Joint Committee of fifteen.

R.W. Benj. Russell, chairman of the Committee of Accounts and the Fiscal concerns of the Lodge, beg'd leave to make the following report:

The Committee of Accounts and Finance of the Grand Lodge have examined the returns of the several District Deputy Grand Masters, and the books of the Grand Secretary and find that

since their report of 13th of December, 5807, the following sums of money have been rec'd by the Grand Secretary, vizt:

R.W. John Brock,	12th District		$28.00
St. Peter's Lodge,	Newburyport		22.00
R.W. Jonathan Maynard,	5th	do.	118.16
R.W. Ezekiel L. Bascomb,	6th	do.	341.00
R.W. John Cooper,	11th	do.	44.00
R.W. Woodbury Storer,	9th	do.	161.00
R.W. Daniel Stebbins,	7th	do.	100.00
R.W. Robert Walker,	8th	do.	78.00
St. George's Lodge,			54.00
For a charter for Mount Pleasant Lodge			71.00
R.W. Jno. Phelps,			65.49
For a charter for Rising Star Lodge			71.00
			$1,153.65

All which sums have been paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and by him duly receipted therefor. The above sum of 1153.-65 cents, with the balance on hand the last settlement, amounting to 2235 dollars, 17 cents, making the sum of 3388 dollars 82 cents; that the Grand Treasurer has duly paid on warrants and orders drawn on him, and for which he has produced to your committee proper vouchers and receipts, 1081.41, and that there was a balance in his hands due the Grand Lodge of 2296.68. [sic].

Your Committee further state, that the Grand Treasurer, agreeably to a vote of the Grand Lodge to that purpose, has invested 2025 dollars of the above balance in the three per cent. stock of the United States; and now holds a certificate of 3000 dollars in the said stock, taken in his name as Grand Treasurer and assignable to his successor in office; and that he has, besides the said stock, the sum of Ds. 282.21 cents.

They find that the records and accounts of the Grand Secretary have been fairly made, and satisfactorily stated; that the books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer are fairly kept, right cast, and properly vouched for.

The committee further report that they have examined the Grand Treasurer's and Secretary's diploma account and find that the Grand Secretary has duly accounted for all the diplomas he has received, and that he has now in his hands 219. Though the duties of the Grand Secretary have been this year

more laborious than the last, the committee report that his salary this year shall be the same as the last.

All which is respectfully submitted,

BENJAMIN RUSSELL,
Chairman of Committee of Finance, etc.

This report was unanimously accepted.

R.W. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris presented a petition from R.W. Calvin Eaton, representing him through misfortune to be a distressed Brother, deserving Masonic notice, and the relieving hand of Charity; on motion, VOTED, To commit the same to R.W. Brothers Harris, Bascomb and Fay, who reported that the sum of 50 dollars be forthwith paid to Brother Eaton by the Grand Treasurer and that Bro. C. Eaton be recommended for further charity on the Festival the 27th instant.

The officers and members of Montgomery Lodge, at Franklin, preferred a petition to this Grand Lodge praying leave to remove that Lodge to Medway, West Parish, to hold their meetings there, in future, for reasons set forth in their petition; and that the grant of their petition be endorsed on their charter. On motion, VOTED, That the prayer of their petition be so far granted; and the Grand Secretary be instructed to make the proper and necessary endorsement, they paying his fees for the same.

A petition was presented from R.W. Andrew Nichols and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Danvers, county of Essex, by the name of Jordan Lodge, to be under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge; which petition, being constitutionally recommended, it was on motion, VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition, and the Grand Secretary was directed to issue a charter accordingly.

Communications were presented by the Grand Secretary from the following Grand Lodges, vizt: London, Charleston, So. Carolina, Savannah, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Baltimore, New York, Kentucky and Delaware.

The Most W'l Isaiah Thomas then retired and the Right W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Past Grand Master, took the Chair of Solomon.

The hour being announced for the choice of officers for the ensuing year, the R.W. Brothers Whiting, Russell and Chadwick were chosen a committee to collect, count and sort the votes for the election of the same.

The votes being taken for a Grand Master, the R. Worshipful Isaiah Thomas, Esq., was declared to be elected.

A committee, vizt: R.W. Brothers Turner, Whiting, Harris, Hopkins and Maynard were appointed to wait upon the Grand Master-elect and inform him of the choice. They waited on him accordingly; he gave for answer the acceptance of the same. The same committee were chosen to wait on the M.W. and introduce him into the Grand Lodge, which was done with appropriate ceremonies, and in a truly Masonic manner.

The ballots were then taken for the other Grand Officers appointed by the Constitution to be thus elected, when the following Brethren were declared to be elected, vizt:

R.W. Henry Fowle . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Allen Crocker . . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor . . .	Grand Recording Secretary.

On motion, Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our R.W. Bro. Shubael Bell for his faithful and essential services as Senior Warden the year past, he having declined being again candidate for that office.

Voted, That the installation of Grand Officers for the ensuing year take place the 27th instant, to commence at 10 o'clock, at Masons Hall.

Voted, That a committee of five be appointed to make arrangements for the installation of the Grand Officers and for celebrating the Festival of St. John, the 27th instant.

The following Brethren were chosen a committee for that purpose, vizt: R.W.'s Benj. Russell, Oliver, Fowle, Bell and Drew.

The Grand Lodge was then closed till the 27th.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE met by adjournment on the 27th of December, 5808, at Masons Hall, for installment of its officers and the celebration of the Festival of St. John the Evangelist.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS JACKSON	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JNO. B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. & Rev. ASA EATON	Grand Chaplains.
W. & Rev. JOHN MURRAY	
R.W. ROBERT LASH	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOB DREW	
R.W. THOS. REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. MICH'L ROULSTONE	Grand Pursuivants.
R.W. PLINY HARTSHORN	
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with M.W. Paul Revere, Esq., Josiah Bartlett, Esq., and Samuel Dunn, Esq., Past Grand Masters; several District Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Officers, Masters and Wardens of Lodges, proxies of Lodges, etc.

A prayer by the Rev'd J. Murray, Grand Chaplain, was devoutly addressed to the Throne of Deity preceding the ceremony of the day.

Several committees made report.

At one o'clock the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to retire and R.W. Timothy Bigelow, Past Grand Master, was seated in the Chair of Solomon.

The defer'd business of the Grand Lodge was attended to.

A committee of five, vizt: R.W. Josiah Bartlett, R.W. Sam'l Dunn, M.E. Benj. Hurd, Rev'd Brothers Harris and Murray, were chosen to wait on the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master-

elect, and inform him of the Grand Lodge's being ready to receive and install him. The committee having performed that duty reported, that the Grand Officers-elect waited the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

The committee, preceded by the Grand Marshal, Grand Pursuivants, etc., then waited on the Grand Master and other officers-elect, to the Grand Lodge; their arrival being previously announced, they were introduced to the East, and were received in ancient form and congratulated on their election.

The solemnities of the installation of the Grand Master-elect were begun by prayer by the first Grand Chaplain.

The M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., then proceeded to address, re-obligate, invest and install the M.W. Grand Master, after which he was in AMPLE FORM, placed in the Chair.

The solemnities and ancient ceremonies on this occasion being ended, it was announced by a flourish of music, and the Grand Marshal proclaimed as follows:

The Most Worshipful Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master of the Ancient and Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the year 5809.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, then proceeded to obligate, charge and install the Senior and Junior Grand Wardens, and to charge and invest the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary. These ceremonies ended, the Grand Marshal proclaimed: the R.W. Henry Fowle, Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Junior Grand Warden; R.W. Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer, and Worshipful John Proctor, Grand Recording Secretary for the year 5809.

The following Grand Officers were appointed by the M.W. Isaiah Thomas for the year 5809, vizt:

R.W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN MURRAY . .	Grand Chaplains.
R.W. & Rev. ASA EATON	
R.W. & Rev. EZEK. L. BASCOMB . .	
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. ROBERT LASH, JR. . .	Junior Grand Deacon.

R.W.	Job Drew	1st Steward.
W.	Mich'l Roulstone .	2nd Steward.
Bro.	Pliny Hartshorn . .	3rd Steward.
R.W.	Thomas Redman . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
W.	John Baker	1st Pursuivant.
W.	Jeremiah Gardner . .	2nd Pursuivant.
Bro.	William Eaton . . .	Grand Tyler.

These were all invested, charged, etc., by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal.

The M.W. Grand Master addressed the Lodge, after which the second Chaplain closed the business of installation, etc., by prayer.

A variety of other important concerns of Grand Lodge were then attended to, as follows:

The Committee of Conference, consisting of fifteen, on the conduct of a number of the officers of Washington Lodge, and other Lodges, beg'd leave to make the following report, vizt:

The undersigned Committee of Conference having performed the duty assigned them, and having fully heard the committee deputed from the associated members of what was called the Washington Encampment, in Roxbury, in behalf of themselves and their associates; and having heard from them a very candid and satisfactory disclosure of all their proceedings and received from them the acknowledgment by them subscribed and herewith produced, do most respectfully report, that the said subscribing associates be restored to the charities and friendship of the Grand Lodge, and to all the privileges and hospitalities of Masonry universal.

Signed in behalf of the Joint Committee.

Timothy Whiting,
Chairman.

The foregoing report was unanimously accepted.

Voted, That the Grand Secretary be directed to transmit a copy of the foregoing report and vote of acceptance, now passed, together with a list of the names of those Brethren, at Roxbury and elsewhere, who have signed the recantation, to the R.W. Bro. H. M. Lisle, District Deputy Grand Master of the First District, and he be requested to transmit the same to the several

Lodges in the District. Also, that he be directed to receive on application any additional name of the accused Brethren, who, on signing, shall be admitted to all the privileges and hospitalities above mentioned.

Copy of Recantation.

The subscribers, being associated as members of the Washington Encampment, at Roxbury, for the purpose of conferring various degrees of Masonry, in a way and manner which we are conscious is contrary to the principles of Masonry and ancient usages, and totally subversive of the harmony and prosperity of the Craft; do most heartily abandon and renounce said Association forever, and freely acknowledge this our error, solemnly engaging to conform to all the Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and the Constitutions of Masonry in future, and request to be hereafter considered as entitled to the privileges and hospitalities of Masonry, and to our ancient standing among faithful Masons and Brethren.

Moses Holbrook,	Henry Sutor,
Daniel Knower,	Norman Holmes,
Nath'l S. Prentice,	Stephen Davis,
James Cawte,	Seth Hayward,
Nath'l Scott,	Edward Turner,
Bart Bronsdon,	James Fillebrown,
Warren Marsh,	Enos Withington,
Joshua Holden,	Eliphalet Spurr,
Phineas Withington,	John Stanley,

Aaron Whitney.

Boston, 13th December, 5808.

On motion, Voted, That the Past Grand Masters be each presented with an appropriate jewel, and that a committee be chosen under whose direction seven jewels shall be made and properly prepared for the purpose. The committee chosen were R.W. Bro. H'y Fowle, Bell, Oliver, Roulstone and Redman.

VOTED, That a uniform mode of clothing be adopted in this Grand Lodge and that a committee be chosen of five to carry the same into effect. Committed to the last chosen committee.

VOTED, That the R.W. Grand Wardens and Grand Deacons be a committee to receive the Urn, etc., used at the funeral procession of our late Most Worthy and Revered Brother, George Washington, Esq., and to place said Urn, etc., in the hall of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That a Standing Committee of Accounts and Finance be chosen for the year ensuing. R.W. Brothers Russell, Fowle and Oliver were chosen.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to appoint the following District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing, A.L. 5809, vizt:

1st	District	R.W. HENRY M. LISLE, ESQ., of Milton.
2d	do.	R.W. JOHN SAUNDERS, ESQ., of Salem.
3d	do.	R.W. CHARLES TURNER, ESQ., of Scituate.
4th	do.	R.W. JAMES ELLIS, ESQ., of Rehoboth.
5th	do.	R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING, ESQ., of Lancaster.
6th	do.	R.W. & Rev. JAMES THOMPSON, of Barre.
7th	do.	R.W. JOHN PHELPS, ESQ., of Granville.
8th	do.	R.W. ROBERT WALKER, ESQ., of Windsor.
9th	do.	R.W. JOHN D. HOPKINS, ESQ., of Portland.
10th	do.	R.W. SAMUEL THATCHER, ESQ., of Warren.
11th	do.	R.W. OLIVER SHEAD, ESQ., of Eastport.
12th	do.	R.W. JOHN BROCK, ESQ., of Nantucket.

Brother Thomas was admitted a proxy for Oriental Lodge.

Brother Zebina Eastman was admitted a proxy for Pacific Lodge.

Prayers were again offered to the Throne of Deity by the R.W. and Rev'd Asa Eaton and the M.W. Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

FESTIVAL OF ST. JOHN, 27TH DECEMBER, 5808.

The Most W. Grand Master, four Past [Grand] Masters, the R.W. Wardens, and other Grand Officers, with a number of the members of the Grand Lodge and many respectable visiting Brethren, repaired to the new Exchange Coffee House, where an elegant entertainment was provided, and where the Festival of St. John was celebrated in a manner highly honorable to the Fraternity.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master, the officers of the Grand Lodge assembled at 7 o'clock in the evening at the hall of King Solomon's Lodge, in Charlestown, to install the R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Past Grand Master, R. Worshipful Master of that Lodge, he having been elected to the same and accepted the office.

After usual ceremonies he was accordingly installed, etc., by the M.W. Grand Master. After which, R.W. Bro. Bartlett proceeded to the installment of the officers of King Solomon's Lodge in the proper order, vizt: R.W. John Soley, Senior Warden, R.W. Barzillai Holmes, Junior, both of whom were Past Masters of King Solomon's Lodge. After an agreeable repast, the Lodge was closed and the Grand Master and his officers retired.

The following should have been inserted the 12th of September, ultimo.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to receive from our R.W. and Rev'd Brother Thaddeus M. Harris, Corresponding Grand Secretary, the letter-book containing copies of his official letters and communications, and other papers appertaining to his office; and that they report thereon the next Quarterly Communication. VOTED, That this committee consist of five, and the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: Francis J. Oliver, Timothy Bigelow, Benjamin Russell, Shubael Bell, and Daniel Baxter.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall on the evening of the 13th March, A.L. 5809, Grand Officers, etc.,

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOSIAH BAXTER	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. ROBERT LASH	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN LORING	1st Steward.
W. JOS. CALEF	2nd Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. JOHN SAUNDERS	D. D. G. M. of the 2nd District.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, King Solomon's, Columbian, Washington, Mount Lebanon, St. John's of Newburyport, St. Peter's, Essex, St. Mark's, Jordan, Old Colony, Middlesex, Trinity, Jerusalem, Cincinnatus, Franklin, Sincerity and Wisdom.

A petition was presented from a number of Brethren in the town of Buckston, county of Hancock, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge there, by the name of Felicity Lodge, the same being constitutionally recommended. VOTED, To grant the prayer thereof.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening:

BENJ. GLEASON for Cincinnatus Lodge.
JONATHAN ALLEN for Franklin Lodge.
BENJ. RUSSELL for Sheffield Lodge.
SAM'L THAXTER for Old Colony Lodge.
JOHN BOYLE for Sincerity Lodge.
JOHN PROCTOR for Jerusalem Lodge.

The committee on jewels for Past Grand Masters, and uniformity of clothing for the officers of Grand Lodge, were called upon to report, but, not having completed the business assigned them, had leave to defer their report till the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition for charitable relief, from Brother Jno. Perkins, was committed to the R.W. Brothers Baxter, Roulstone and Francis to report next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take immediate measures to have the records of the Grand Lodge copied; the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: Daniel Baxter, Francis J. Oliver, Shubael Bell.

A petition was presented and read, from St. John's Lodge at Newburyport, praying for leave to hold that Lodge optionally at that place and Bellville parish, which was committed to R.W. Brothers J. Boyle, F. J. Oliver and H. Fowle.

The committee appointed to examine the Urn, etc., procured by the Grand Lodge as a testimony of their veneration for the exalted character and example of their Illustrious Brother and Patron, George Washington, Esq., deceased; and to inquire if a suitable place could be appropriated for it in Masons Hall, ask leave respectfully to report: That they have attended to the duty assigned them; they have visited the house of R.W. Paul Revere, Esq., Past Grand Master, and find that the most scrupulous care had been observed in the preservation of the Urn and its appendages; they also find that the most proper place for them in the hall is directly over the chair of the M.W. Grand Master, and as the expense of placing them there will be considerable and there is one of the same kind, though in miniature, already in the hall, which the proprietors would not wish to have removed, and as it is probable that the Grand Lodge may, in some future time, have a hall of their own, wherein the Urn, etc., may be permanently deposited, and, in a manner which may be in some degree worthy the Illustrious character they are designed to commemorate, the committee therefore respectfully recommend the following resolution, vizt:

RESOLVED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to R.W. Paul Revere, Esq., Past Grand Master, for the care he has hitherto taken of the Urn and its appendages; and that he be requested to permit them to remain under his protection until the Grand Lodge shall have it in their power otherways to dispose of them.

Signed, JOHN BOYLE, FRANCIS J. OLIVER, HENRY FOWLE, } Committee.

The foregoing report was accepted.

VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our late District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th District, Jon'a Maynard, Esq., for the faithful discharge of the duties of that office.

The committee appointed to examine and report upon the communications of the R.W. Thaddeus M. Harris, have attended to that duty and beg leave to state that the documents of the Corresponding Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge are marked with an elegance of style, correctness of sentiment, and felicity of expression, highly honorable to himself and the Grand Lodge, and the perusal of which has been productive to the committee of the highest gratification as it hath added to the numerous proofs heretofore received of the zeal and fidelity with which his Masonic duties have uniformly been performed. They therefore propose the following resolutions for the adoption of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, vizt:

RESOLVED, That the Right W'l and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris, Grand Corresponding Secretary, has merited and does receive the thanks of this Grand Lodge for the very able and judicious manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office.

RESOLVED, That the sentiments expressed in the various communications of the Corresponding Grand Secretary are worthy of and do receive the sanction and approbation of this Grand Lodge.

Resolved, That a copy of this report be transmitted to R.W. Bro. Thaddeus M. Harris by the Recording Grand Secretary.

Signed, Francis J. Oliver,
Per order.

A true copy, and unanimously accepted.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

Boston, 13th March, 5809.

The Grand Lodge was closed in Ample Form.

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of a Deputy Grand Lodge held at Sandisfield, on Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 5809, by permission of the Most W'l Grand Master, for the constituting Rising Sun Lodge and installing its officers.

Present.

R.W. Robert Walker	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. John Phelps	Deputy Grand Master.
W. Daniel Gillet	Senior Grand Warden.
W. Thaddeus Squires, Jun.	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Samuel Rossiter	Deputy Grand Secretary.
R.W. William Sizer	Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Charles Adams	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Perry Babcock	Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Benj. Scott	Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. Ariel Phelps	Junior Grand Steward.
Bro. Isaac Tilley	Assistant Grand Stewards.
Bro. John Bird	Assistant Grand Stewards.
Bro. Asa Smith	Grand Marshal.
Bro. Levi Curtis	Grand Tyler.
Bro. John Watson	Bearer of Holy Scriptures.
Bro. Firmer Arnold	Bearer of Book of Constitutions.

The District Deputy Grand Lodge formed at half-past 11 o'clock, and after notice for that purpose proceeded to the Rising Sun Lodge-room, preceeded by a band of music, when the usual preliminary ceremonies were performed.

From thence, the procession formed and moved to the meeting-house, attended by the Clergy and many respectable citizens, where a serious and Masonic sermon was preached by the Rev'd Brother Churchill.

The remaining part of the Masonic ceremonies was then publicly performed with propriety and decency, to the great satisfaction of a very numerous assembly of spectators.

Signed, Samuel Rossiter,
D't D'y Grand Secretary.

A true copy.
Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, on the evening of the 12th of June, A.L. 5809.

PRESENT.

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN C. BATES	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
W. JNO. B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. ROBERT LASH, JUN.	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE	2nd Grand Steward.
W. PLINY HARTSHORN	3rd Grand Steward.
W. JOHN BAKER	1st Pursuivant.
W. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

THERE WERE ALSO PRESENT.

R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING, ESQ.	D. D. G. M. for the 5th District.
R.W. JOHN PHELPS, ESQ.	D. D. G. M. for the 7th District.
R.W. OLIVER SHEAD, ESQ.	D. D. G. M. for the 12th District.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL, ESQ.	Past Senior Grand Warden.

The following Lodges were duly represented this evening, viz: Mount Carmel, Merrimack, Trinity, Rural, Montgomery, Mount Lebanon, St. John's of Boston, Jerusalem, Sheffield, Solar, Massachusetts, Oriental, Eastern, Jordan, Mount Moriah, Amicable, Columbian, Pentucket, Saco, United, Pacific, Old Colony, Cincinnatus, Republican and Union of Nantucket.

A petition from a number of Brethren at Farmington, District of Maine, to whom a dispensation was granted by the Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow at Portland, in July last, to meet as a Lodge for one year, was again presented for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town by the name of Maine Lodge. This petition being with good and sufficient recommendations, it was VOTED, To grant the prayer of the same.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies,

JOHN W. FOLSOM for Hancock Lodge.
ELISHA STEPHENSON for Eastern Lodge.

The committee appointed to procure a suitable person to copy the records of Grand Lodge reported that they had attended to that duty and had engaged a copyist, who was progressing in that business.

The chairman of the committee on St. John's Lodge petition, at Newburyport, presented last Quarterly Communication, praying leave to hold the meetings of that Lodge, alternately, either at Newburyport or Bellville Parish, made the following report, vizt:

The committee appointed at the last Quarterly Communication to take into consideration the application of St. John's Lodge, at Newburyport, have attended that service and beg leave to report, that they find no precedent in the Grand Lodge books, authorizing a Lodge to meet at any other place than that pointed out by their charter, and are of opinion that the prayer of the petition ought not to be granted.

Signed, JOHN BOYLE,
Chairman.

The committee to whom was refer'd the designing and preparing appropriate jewels for Past Grand Masters, and a uniformity of clothing for the officers of this Grand Lodge made the following report, vizt:

The committee appointed to procure the jewels ask leave respectfully to report, that they have attended the duty assigned them so far as to procure the collars and contract for the jewels, but owing to the indisposition of the artist and other contingent circumstances they are still unfinished. Your committee therefore ask leave to sit again, in order to have the jewels completed by the next Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,
HENRY FOWLE,
Chairman.

The committee appointed to consider what kind of clothing is proper to be adopted as the uniform clothing of the officers of the Grand Lodge, ask leave respectfully to report:

That after mature deliberation, they have unanimously agreed upon and recommend the following, a pattern of which is herewith presented for the approbation of the Grand Lodge, viz:

A sash of purple velvet, fringed at the ends.

A white satin apron trimmed with purple ribbon.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FOWLE,

Chairman.

N.B.—Should the pattern now presented meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge, the committee further recommend that the apron and sash be placed in the custody of the Grand Stewards, and at every Communication of the Grand Lodge they be deliver'd to the several Grand Officers, or in their absence to those that may fill their stations, and to them only.

All which is also submitted.

HENRY FOWLE,

Chairman.

On motion, VOTED, That the report of the foregoing committee, on clothing, be accepted, so far as includes the sash and apron and the disposal of them; and that they be procured out of the funds of the Grand Lodge, by the same committee.

On motion, VOTED, That the jewels and regalia of this Grand Lodge be entrusted in future to the Grand Stewards, for the time being, and that they be answerable for the same.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to lay before the Grand Lodge all unfinished business, as committed, by the next Quarterly Communication; and that the chairman of each committee be notified forthwith to attend to the same.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary notify this Grand Lodge to meet at this place at 4 o'clock, P. M., on their Quarterly Communication in September next.

A true copy of the records and proceedings.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,

Grand Secretary.

At a District Deputy Grand Lodge, held at Granville, on Wednesday, the 21st day of June, A.L. 5809, by virtue of a commission from the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master, for the purpose of constituting Mount Pleasant Lodge, and installing its officers,

Present.

R.W. John Phelps	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Dan'l B. Curtis	District Deputy Grand Master.
W. John Webster	Deputy Senior Grand Warden.
W. Roger Griswold	Deputy Junior Grand Warden.
Bro. William Knox	Deputy Grand Treasurer.
Bro. Elijah Atwood	Deputy Grand Secretary.
W. Charles Pettibone	Deputy Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Solomon Noble	Deputy Junior Grand Deacon.
W. Joseph Jewett	Deputy Grand Marshal.
W. Joseph Foward W. Roderick Norton	Deputy Grand Stewards.
W. Thomas Holerom	Deputy Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Joel Holerom	Deputy Grand Tyler.
Bro. Paul Larkum	Bearer of Holy Writings.
W. Augustus Hayden	Bearer of Constitutions.
W. Enos Foot	Marshal of the Day.

A procession was formed and proceeded from the Lodge-room to the meeting-house, consisting of one hundred and fifty-five Brethren, the Reverend Clergy of the town and vicinity, magistrates, etc.

A discourse was deliver'd by the Reverend Brother Churchill, of New Lebanon, New York, from the 1st of Corinthians, 14th chapter, and the 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th verses. After which Mount Pleasant Lodge was publicly constituted and the officers thereof installed in Ancient Form by the District Deputy Grand Lodge aforesaid, vizt:

R.W. Daniel Gillet	Master.
Thaddeus Squires	Senior Warden.
William Slocum	Junior Warden.
Samuel D. Wilcox	Treasurer.

James Cooley . .	Secretary.
Seth Parsons . . .	Senior Deacon.
Daniel M. Cooley . .	Junior Deacon.
Perry Babcock . . .	Stewards.
Cornelius Slocum . . .	Stewards.
Levi Higley . . .	Tyler.

A true record.
Signed,

Elijah Atwood,
Secretary.

A true copy.
Attest:

John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, at Masons Hall, on the evening of the 11th September, A.L. 5809, the following Grand Officers, members and proxies were

Present.

R.W. Henry Fowle	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. John B. Hammatt .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Job Drew	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Daniel Baxter	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
W. Mich'l Roulstone . . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Sam'l Thaxter	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Ephraim Beaman .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thomas Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. Jos. Jenkins	1st Grand Steward.
Bro. William Eaton . . .	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Due Form and the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communications were read, and all the officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and proxies of Lodges were called upon to make their returns and communications to the Grand Secretary.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Federal, Columbian, Kennebec, Union of Dorchester, Jerusalem, Mt. Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Rural, Union of Nantucket and Jordan.

The committee appointed to procure a transcript of the records of the Grand Lodge, produced the same completed, but ask'd leave to defer their report to the next Quarterly Communication, which was granted.

The committee, to whom had been entrusted the business of devising and procuring jewels for the M.W. Past Grand Masters and a uniformity of clothing for the officers of the Grand Lodge, reported, that they had completed that duty. The R.W. Henry Fowle, their chairman, accordingly produced seven jewels for the Past Grand Masters and seventeen aprons and sashes for the

Grand Officers, which were deposited with the Grand Stewards in conformity to a vote passed at the Communication the 12th of June last.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, entered the Grand Lodge and assumed the Chair of Solomon.

It being announced that a committee from the R.W. St. Andrew's Lodge were in waiting and requested admittance into the M.W. Grand Lodge the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, from the Chair of Solomon, granted their request. The Right Worshipful Committee from St. Andrew's Lodge were accordingly conducted into the Lodge-room and seated at the right hand of the M.W. Grand Master.

The R.W. Elisha Sigourney, Esq., chairman of the said committee of St. Andrew's Lodge, presented a very respectful communication on the subject of the admission and union of that Lodge, to be enrolled under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, which is as follows, vizt:

At a Special Meeting of St. Andrew's Lodge, held at Masons Hall, on Thursday evening, September 7th, 5809, VOTED, That Brothers Elisha Sigourney, Benj. Hurd, David Bradlee, James Green, Andrew Sigourney, Henry Purkitt and Benjamin Smith be a committee to wait upon and inform the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth, at the Quarterly Communication to be held the 11th instant, that St. Andrew's Lodge will, at the next Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge, become one of its members, agreeably to the communications made in December, 5807.

A copy from the records.

Attest: JOSEPH SMITH,
Secretary.

The committee of St. Andrew's having retired, it was on motion, VOTED, That a committee of this Grand Lodge be chosen, consisting of the following Right Worshipful Brethren, vizt: R.W. Josiah Bartlett, John Chadwick, Ephraim Beaman and the two Grand Wardens, to wait on the R't Worshp'l committee of St. Andrew's Lodge and inform them that the M.W. Grand Lodge had most cordially received their affectionate and

Brotherly communication; that they, with heartfelt satisfaction, anticipate the happy consequences of this union and promise a parental regard to the interests of the Lodge they represent, and invite them to a seat this evening and a participation of the pleasures and intercourse of the same.

The committee from St. Andrew's Lodge then returned again to the Grand Lodge, escorted by the Grand Marshal and the committee of the Grand Lodge, and were replaced at the right hand of the Most W'l Grand Master.

The following communication was made to the M.W. Grand Lodge on the subject of diplomas for Initiates, by the W. Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, vizt:

The R.W. Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer and W. Grand Secretary beg leave to represent to the M.W. Grand Lodge that they have disposed of all the diplomas belonging to the Grand Lodge, which were engrossed on parchment, which were left on hand at the close of the year 5808, and upwards of one hundred since procured. That from the absolute impossibility of obtaining more parchment, as well as the great and increased expense attending the same to the Grand Lodge, they have purchased ten quires of paper of a suitable size and had the same impressed with the plate, and now present a sample of the same trusting to and soliciting the approbation of the Grand Lodge, praying for direction for future procedure in this important business.

Duly submitted,

ALLEN CROCKER, Grand Treas.
JOHN PROCTOR, Grand Sec.

Approved and accepted.

The Grand Secretary, agreeably to his directions at the last Quarterly Communication, reported the committees on unfinished business, which were as follows, vizt:

The committee of application to the Hon. Legislature for leave to purchase land for the erection of a hall, etc., December, 5803.

The committee on M.W. Isaiah Thomas' Address, December, 5805.

The committee to revise the Laws and Regulations of this Lodge, and adapt them to the state of Masonry in this Commonwealth.

All which were properly considered and disposed of, except the last. On this, a motion was made and seconded, that the W. Grand Secretary be instructed to call on the R't Worshipful Timo. Bigelow, Esq., chairman of that committee, and request him to call his committee together without delay, to attend to this important business and, if possible, report the next Quarterly Communication.

This vote passed unanimously.

A communication was received from Columbian Lodge, informing that they had expelled J—— A—— from that Lodge for base and un-Masonic conduct which expulsion was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

Communications were read from North Carolina and Baltimore, by the Grand Secretary and committed to R.W. Brothers Russell, Fowle and Baxter.

The Right W'l Brothers Henry Fowle, John Chadwick and F. J. Oliver were chosen a Committee on the Fiscal Concerns of this Grand Lodge, and to examine and settle the Grand Treasurer's and Grand Secretary's accounts for the past year.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master, was then pleased to close the Grand Lodge, to stand closed till the 11th day of December next at 3 o'clock P. M., unless specially called together.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

December, 5809.

A Quarterly Communication of the Most W'l Grand Lodge was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the 11th of December, A.L. 5809, for the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing and other interesting concerns of the Grand Lodge.

Present.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas	Grand Master.
R.W. John Boyle	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. John Russell	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
W. John B. Hammatt	Senior Grand Deacon.
W. Robert Lash, Jr.	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thomas Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Job Drew	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. Michael Roulstone	2nd Grand Steward.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Shubael Bell	D. D. G. M. 1st Masonic District.
R.W. John Saunders	D. D. G. M. 2nd Masonic District.
R.W. James Hopkins	D. D. G. M. 9th Masonic District.
R.W. Josiah Bartlett R.W. Samuel Dunn	Past Grand Masters.
R.W. John Soley	Past Senior Grand Warden.

Also the representatives of the following Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrew's, Portland, Trinity, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, King Solomon's, Old Colony, Middlesex, Columbian, Cincinnatus, Washington, Jerusalem, Saint Paul's, Corinthian, Meridian, Mount Moriah, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Union at Nantucket, Saint Mark's, Sheffield, Oriental, Pentucket and Jordan.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, and the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were read.

The R.W. Master of St. Andrew's Lodge, James Green, Esq., rose and addressed the M't W. Grand Master on behalf of that Lodge, in terms expressive of the high satisfaction that Lodge had received in the candid and honorable proceedings of the M.W. Grand Lodge in completing and confirming the admission of St. Andrew's Lodge under its Jurisdiction; and declarative of their resolution strictly to conform to all its Rules and Regulations; and also deliver'd the charter of Saint Andrew's for record and endorsement. All which was cordially and affectionately reciprocated by the Grand Master in behalf of the Grand Lodge.

A report was received from the committee chosen to examine and adjust the fiscal concerns of the Grand Lodge, and another on the sum to be awarded for the transcript of the records of the Grand Lodge up to this date; both which were read and accepted and ordered on record.

On motion, VOTED, That the report of the Committee on the Fiscal Concerns of the Grand Lodge, as above mentioned, be recommitted to the same committee for a more particular description of the same.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to determine where the transcript of the records of the Grand Lodge shall be deposited in future for safe keeping, and whether there shall be a continuation of the transcript annually. The committee chosen for these purposes were, R.W. Timothy Whiting, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. James D. Hopkins, who were instructed to report without delay.

The committee having retired for a short time returned and produced the following report, which was read and accepted and ordered on record.

REPORT.

WHEREAS the records of the Grand Lodge may be often exposed to the danger of fire and other casualties, the hazard of which would, in a great degree, be avoided by procuring duplicates of the records, therefore RESOLVED, That at each Annual Communication in December the Recording Grand Secretary shall transcribe the records of the Grand Lodge for the preced-

ing year, making a complete duplicate of all records, which copy shall be examined and compared by the Corresponding Grand Secretary and delivered over to the Grand Treasurer for safe keeping, for which service the Grand Secretary shall receive a suitable compensation from the Grand Lodge.

Signed, TIMOTHY WHITING,
per order.

December 11th, 5809.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas rose and was pleased to address the Grand Lodge, and read several communications from the Grand Lodge of South Carolina, etc., and on motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to receive, consider and report upon the communications now read by the Most Worshipful Grand Master, when the following R.W. Brethren were appointed accordingly, vizt: Benj. Russell, Timothy Whiting, John Soley, John Dixwell, Thad's M. Harris.

On motion, VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be presented to the M.W. Isaiah Thomas for the communications he has now been pleased to make and for his illustrations thereon, and that a copy be requested for record.

Some discussions taking place on the number and grades of the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, on motion, VOTED, That the M.W. Grand Master be requested to communicate in his annual printed communications the established degree of the grades and rank of all the Lodges by dates.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be chosen to consider and examine the 4th chapter of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge and report a plan for carrying into execution a Fund for Charity. The following committee were chosen, R. W. John Soley, R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Francis J. Oliver, W. John Dixwell.

It having been represented that Middlesex Lodge had admitted one of the Clergy into that Lodge, the R.W. Timo. Whiting, District Deputy Grand Master, requested a remission of so much of his expense for making as was due the Grand Lodge;

whereupon it was unanimously VOTED, To remit the same, and that the sum should be deducted from R.W. Brother Whiting's returns.

The following Brethren were admitted to seats as proxies,

Bro. ASA PEABODY for Oriental Lodge, Nov. 8, 1 year.
DAVID CHILDS for St. Paul Lodge, 1 year, from 11th Dec., 1809.
ZEBINA EASTMAN for Pacific Lodge, 1 year, from 8th Oct., 1809.
MOSES THOMAS for Trinity, Lancaster, 1 year, from 21st Nov., 1809.

COPY

of the charter, as presented Grand Lodge for record and endorsement on the evening of the 11th December, A.L. 5809, from Saint Andrew's Lodge.

TO ALL AND SUNDRY TO WHOSE KNOWLEDGE THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Sholto Charles Douglas, Lord Aberdour, Grand Master of the Free and Accepted Masons of Scotland, with Consent of the Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, hereunto Subscribing;

WHEREAS a Petition hath been presented to the Grand Lodge, in Name of Isaac DeCoster, David Flagg, George Graham, George Lowder, George Bray, George Hodge, Henry Ammes, William Burbeck and James Tourner, Free and Accepted Masons Residing at Boston, in New England, Praying that they and Such other Brethren as they should find to be duly Qualified, should be Constituted and Erected into a Mason Lodge under the Name, Title and Designation of the Lodge of St. Andrew's, to be held in Boston at New England. Which Petition having been openly read in presence of the Grand Lodge Assembled, It was unanimously Resolved and Ordered that the desire of the same should be granted. Know ye therefore, That We, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, Have Constituted, Erected and Appointed and hereby Constitute, Erect and Appoint the Worshipful Brethren above named and their Successors in all time coming a True and Regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons under the Name, Title and Designation of the Lodge of St. Andrew's, to be held at Boston in New England, And Ordain All Regular

Lodges within Scotland or Elsewhere holding of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, to hold and respect them as such for the future. And We with Advice and Consent foresaid Give and Grant to them and their Successors full and Ample power to Meet, Convene and Assemble as a Regular Lodge, to Enter and Receive Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons upon Payment of Such Regular and reasonable Compensations as they shall think proper for Supporting their Poor Decayed Brethren, Widows and Orphans Agreeable to their Stations, And to Elect and make Choice of a Master, Wardens and other Office Bearers Annually or otherwise as they may have Occasion. And We hereby Recommend to our foresaid Brethren so Constituted to obey their Superiors in all things lawfull and honest as becometh the honour and harmonie of Masonry, and that they faithfully become bound and Engaged not to desert their said Lodge, And that none of them presume upon any pretence whatever to make Separate Meetings among themselves without the Consent, Approbation or presence of their Master and Wardens for the time Nor Collect Money or other funds Separate from the Common Stock of their Lodge to the hurt or prejudice of the Poor thereof. The Said Worshipfull Brethren being always bound and obliged as by their Acceptance hereof they faithfully bind and Oblige themselves and their Successors in all time coming to Obey the whole Acts, Statutes and Regulations of the Grand Lodge of Scotland as well these already made as those hereafter to be made for the Utility, wellfare and prosperity of Masonry in General, And to pay and perform whatever is Stipulated or Demanded from them for Supporting the Dignity of the Grand Lodge: And to Record in their Lodge Book (which they are hereby Enjoined to keep) this present Charter of Erection and Constitution with the Regulations or Bylaws already made or hereafter to be made by them, from time to time with their other proceedings and Annual Elections as they happen to the End the same may be the more readily seen and Observed by their Brethren, Subject Nevertheless to the Review of the Grand Lodge Aforesaid: And in like Manner the said Brethren and their Successors are hereby Required to Attend the whole General Meetings and Quarterly Communi-

cations of the said Grand Lodge by their Representatives being their Master and Wardens for the time, or by Proxie in their Name duely Authorized by Commission from their Lodge, Such Proxies being Master Masons or Fellow Crafts belonging to some Established Lodge to the End the said Brethren may be duely Certified and Informed of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, to whom they may Represent their Grievances, or any other Matters concerning Masonrie as they shall see Cause, And We hereby Declare the Precidencie of the foresaid Brethren in the Grand Lodge to Commence from the date of these presents And Appoint this our Charter to be Recorded in the Book of the Grand Lodge in terms of the Regulations in that behalf. Given under our hand and Seal in the Grand Lodge held in St. Mary's Chapel in the City of Edinburgh and the Seal of the Grand Lodge is hereunto Appended this Thirtieth day of November, One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty-six years.
Apud Edinburgum Trigesimo Novembris 1756. Recorded in the Book of the Grand Lodge.

Alex, Dougall, G. Secretary,
Geo. Beam, G. Clerk.

Composition of Two Guineas to this Grand Lodge for the Charter paid unto

James Hunter, G. Tr.

Aberdour, Grand Master,
Geo. Frazer, Deputy Grand Master,
Rich'd Tod, Subordinate Grand Master,
Henry Cunningham, Senior Grand Warden,
Will Budge, Junior Grand Warden.

COPY OF THE ENDORSEMENT ON THE FOREGOING CHARTER OF SAINT ANDREW'S LODGE.

To All the Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons in the State of Massachusetts, The Most Worshipful Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Grand Master of the State aforesaid, sends GREETING.

Know ye, That by virtue of the power vested in me as Grand Master and in conformity to a Vote of the G'd Lodge of Massachusetts at their Quarterly Communication, on the 11th day

of Sep'r, A.L. 5809, I do hereby authorize and empower St. Andrew's Lodge of Boston, formerly under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, but lately admitted under our Jurisdiction, to take rank in Grand Lodge, at all their Quarterly Communications, Festivals, and Funerals, and all other regular and constitutional Meetings, agreeably to the date of their Ancient Charter. Given under my hand this eleventh day of December, A.L. 5809.

ISAIAH THOMAS,
Grand Master.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

M't Worshipful Isaiah Thomas' direction to regulate the List of Lodges, etc.

W'L BROTHER JOHN PROCTOR,

You are hereby directed to regulate the List of Lodges agreeably to the resolution passed at the Communication of the Grand Lodge in September last, which is to place St. Andrew's Lodge next to Saint John's Lodge. The Grand Marshal will also take due notice of this order and govern himself accordingly.

Signed, ISAIAH THOMAS, Grand Master.
JOHN BOYLE, Deputy Grand Master.

Boston, 11th Dec., 5809.

The M. W'l Grand Master informed the Grand Lodge the hour of eight had arrived, stated by a vote of the Grand Lodge and agreeably to usual custom, to commence the choice of the five elective officers of Grand Lodge for the year ensuing.

On motion, VOTED, That on this evening the number of votes for each candidate should be separately declared to the Grand Lodge; which passed unanimously.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to collect, sort and count the votes for the M't W. Grand Master, now to be elected, when the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. John Boyle, R.W. Robert Lash, Jr.

Repeated trials were made by ballot for the several candidates, which were M.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Timothy Whiting, R.W. Josiah Bartlett, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Oliver Prescott, but on counting the votes, at the several trials, it appeared that neither of them had a constitutional majority of votes.

It was, on motion, VOTED, That the committee for sorting and counting the votes should be discharged from their arduous duty and a new committee should be appointed to that service. The committee were R.W. Thomas Redman, R.W. Michael Roulstone, R.W. Job Drew.

It being now a late hour, it was VOTED, unanimously, That this Grand Lodge be now adjourned till to-morrow at 10 o'cl'k, A. M., then to meet at this place to complete the various business of this Grand Lodge; and the M.W. Isaiah Thomas was pleased to adjourn the same accordingly.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Agreeably to the vote of adjournment, the last evening, the Grand Lodge was convened at Masons Hall, on the 12th day of December, A.L. 5809; all the Grand Officers as yesterday were present.

The Grand Lodge was then again opened in AMPLE FORM. The election of a Grand Master for the year ensuing, was then proceeded in, and a regular ballot taken; when on sorting and counting the votes, it appeared that the R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Past Grand Master, had a constitutional majority of votes and was accordingly declared to be chosen.

The M.W. Josiah Bartlett being absent, it was on motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be chosen to wait on the M.W. Grand Master-elect and inform him of the choice of the Grand Lodge. The committee were accordingly chosen and consisted of the following, vizt: Timothy Whiting, John Boyle, Melzar Holmes, James D. Hopkins and Shubael Bell.

The aforesaid committee having waited on the M. Worshipful Brother Josiah Bartlett and informed him of the choice of the M.W. Grand Lodge, he accompanied them into the Grand

Lodge assembled, and, after a short and comprehensive address, was pleased to declare his acceptance with acknowledgments of the honor confer'd, etc. And the R.W. Benjamin Russell, Grand Marshal, by direction of the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., presiding Grand Master, proclaimed, "the Most Worshipful Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Grand Master of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for A.L. 5810."

A ballot was then taken for a Senior Grand Warden for the year ensuing, when it appear'd that R.W. Francis Johonnot Oliver was constitutionally chosen, vice R.W. Henry Fowle, who had sustained that office last year, but had previously declined being a candidate.

A ballot was taken for a Junior Grand Warden, when the R.W. Oliver Prescott, Esq., of Groton, was chosen, vice R.W. Shubael Bell, Esq., declined.

A ballot being taken for a Grand Treasurer, R.W. Andrew Sigourney was declared to be elected, vice R.W. Allen Crocker, Esq., declined, and who had transmitted a written communication to the Grand Lodge, declarative of the same.

A ballot was taken for the choice of a Grand Secretary, when Brother John Proctor was declared re-elected.

All the foregoing Grand Officers were then proclaimed by the R.W. Brother Russell, Grand Marshal, to be duly elected for the year 5810.

On motion of R.W. Timothy Whiting, Voted, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to the R.W. Allen Crocker, late Grand Treasurer, for his past faithful and honorable services in that office of trust and responsibility; and a copy presented him by the following R.W. committee, who were chosen for that purpose, vizt: R.W. John Soley, R.W. Francis J. Oliver, R.W. John Boyle, who were also further entrusted to receive the regalia, books, papers and funds of the Grand Lodge and transfer them over to the new elected Treasurer, R.W. Andrew Sigourney; and the Grand Secretary is directed to record this vote of Grand Lodge; also the respectful communication received from R.W. Bro. Crocker this evening, declarative of his declension to serve in that office in future.

On motion, VOTED, That the committee chosen at the Quarterly Communication in last to revise the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge, and other purposes, be discharged from that service.

On motion, VOTED, That a new committee be now appointed for the important service above mentioned, and that it consist of seven. The following R.W. Brethren were nominated and elected, vizt: Isaiah Thomas, Timothy Whiting, James D. Hopkins, Thaddeus M. Harris, Francis J. Oliver, Henry Fowle and Benj. Russell.

VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be requested to ask the foregoing committee to meet soon as may be on the important business assigned them.

On motion, VOTED, That a Committee of Accounts and Finance be now chosen for the year ensuing, and the following R. W. Brethren were chosen accordingly, vizt: R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Henry Purkitt.

The M.W. Isaiah Thomas directed the Grand Secretary to call immediately on the committee who were appointed in the year 5803 to petition the Hon'ble Legislature of the State for the privilege of purchase of land to erect a temple, etc., etc., request their special attention to that much desired object and to report the next Quarterly Communication of this Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Lodge assemble at this hall on Wednesday, the 27th inst., being St. John's Day, for the Installation of the Grand Officers now elected and to be then appointed; and for other Masonic purposes.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Deacons and Grand Stewards be a committee to arrange the hall and prepare a frugal entertainment for the Grand Lodge, on the evening of the 27th, being the Anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The following is the communication received from R.W. Allen Crocker, Past Grand Treasurer, and order'd for record.

BOSTON, 10th December, A.L. 5809.

To the M't W'l Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

Brother Allen Crocker presents his most respectful and affectionate regards, and sincerely thanks them for their repeated and almost unanimous election of him as their Treasurer for a number of years past.

Finding now his health on the decline and to save trouble to the Grand Lodge, he now requests that they will no longer consider him as a candidate for that office.

Therefore prays they will select a Brother suitable to fill the office of Treasurer and appoint a committee from their respectable Body to receive that part of the regalia of the Grand Lodge, papers and funds remaining in his hands.

Wishing them the best of heaven's blessings, and praying the Almighty Architect of the Universe to prosper their labors in the vineyard of Masonry subscribes himself their

Obedient friend and Brother,

ALLEN CROCKER.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge held at Masons Hall by adjournment, the 27th day of December, 5809, being St. John's day, for the purpose of Installing the Grand Officers elected and appointed, for the year of Light, 5810. The following officers were

PRESENT.

M.W. Isaiah Thomas . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. John Boyle	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Henry Fowle	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John B. Hammatt . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. James Green	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Baker	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Master.
R.W. Job Drew	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Mich'l Roulstone . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thomas Redman . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Pliny Hartshorn	Senior Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. William Eaton .	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Shubael Bell .	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John Soley	Past Senior Grand Warden.

His Ex'y & R.W. Chris. Gore, Esq., Gov. of the Commonwealth.

also the following proxies and representatives of Lodges, say 30.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form.

Communications were received and read from R.W. Oliver Prescott and R.W. Andrew Sigourney, signifying their acceptance of the offices in Grand Lodge to which they had been elected, and order'd on file.

The following R.W. Brethren were chosen a committee to wait upon and introduce the officers elected on the 11th and 12th instant, vizt: Brothers Bowman, Abbot, Boyle, A. Eaton, G. Chaplain, and Soley.

The following Grand Officers elected for the year 5810 were accordingly introduced and installed in Due Form by M't W. Isaiah Thomas.

R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq. . . Grand Master.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver . . . . Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Oliver Prescott . . . . Junior Grand Warden by R.W. Shubael Bell as proxy.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney . . . Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor . . . . . Grand Secretary by R.W. Jno. Baker as proxy.

The R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Past Grand Master, then addressed the Grand Lodge in an affectionate and eloquent valedictory speech, after which the R.W. Benj. Russell, Grand Marshal, made proclamation that the M.W. Josiah Bartlett was duly and properly installed *Grand Master of Masons for the State of Massachusetts,* and all the other elective officers in their regular order.

The M't W'l Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, being seated in the Chair of Solomon, agreeably to the authority vested in him by the Constitutions of Masonry was pleased to nominate and appoint the following Grand Officers for the year 5810.

R.W. Thaddeus M. Harris . . . Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell . . . . . Grand Marshal.
R.W. John B. Hammatt . . . Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Robert Lash, Jun. . . . Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Asa Eaton . . . . . } Grand Chaplains.
R.W. John Murray . . . }
R.W. Job Drew . . . . . 1st Grand Steward.
R.W. Michael Roulstone . . 2nd Grand Steward.
W. Pliny Hartshorn . . 3rd Grand Steward.
R.W. Thomas Redman . . Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. John Baker . . . . 1st Grand Pursuivant.
W. Jeremiah Gardner . 2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William Eaton . . . Grand Tyler.

These were all accordingly proclaimed by the R.W. Grand Marshal, after due installation and investment.

The R.W'l Grand Marshal then read the commission of the M.W. Josiah Bartlett, appointing the R.W. John Boyle Deputy Grand Master for the year 5810, who was installed and proclaimed by the Grand Marshal in Due Form.

The following District Deputy Grand Masters, being appointed by the Most W'l Grand Master, for the year ensuing, were

declared and confirmed in that office by the R't W. Grand Marshal, vizt:

R.W. Shubael Bell,	1st	Masonic District,	Boston.
R.W. John Saunders,	2d	do.	Salem.
R.W. Charles Turner, Jr.,	3d	do.	Scituate.
R.W. James Ellis,	4th	do.	Rehoboth.
R.W. Timothy Whiting,	5th	do.	Lancaster.
R.W. James Thompson,	6th	do.	Barre.
R.W. John Phelps,	7th	do.	Granville.
R.W. Robert Walker,	8th	do.	Windsor.
R.W. James D. Hopkins,	9th	do.	Portland.
R.W. Samuel Thatcher,	10th	do.	Warren.
R.W. Oliver Shead,	11th	do.	Eastport.
R.W. John Brock,	12th	do.	Nantucket.

The R.W. Benj. Russell, Grand Marshal, by direction of the M.W. Josiah Bartlett, then declared the M't W'l, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts organized in Ample Form for the year 5810.

The M't W'l Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, then made an elegant and luminous Address to the Grand Lodge on the important and indispensable concerns and duties of the Fraternity, which was received with approbation and pleasure.

The R.W. Benj. Russell, Grand Marshal, then read a petition from the Rev'd Brother Thomas C. Thatcher, preacher at the Congregational Society of the town of Lynn, stating the distressed situation of his family and soliciting relief from the Grand Lodge. A committee was raised consisting of R.W. Brothers Russell, Soley and Abbot, investing them with power to draw on the Grand Treasurer of the Grand Lodge at discretion, to an amount not exceeding fifty dollars; and the Grand Treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same to the order of the above mentioned committee.

The Grand Lodge, by direction of the Most Worshipful Josiah Bartlett, was formed into a procession and retiring into a room appointed for the purpose, partook of a plenteous refreshment, with toasts, sentiments and songs adapted to the occasion.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Baker,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

Report of the committee appointed to procure a copy of the records of the Grand Lodge, vizt:

The committee appointed to procure a copy of the records of the Grand Lodge, have performed the duty assigned them and beg leave to report,

That they contracted with a Brother to carry into effect the resolve of the Grand Lodge, who has executed the task in a correct, handsome and satisfactory manner; that after a most careful examination, they now offer the book accompanying this report, as containing a faithful transcript from the original records of Grand Lodge.

That the sum of ninety-two dollars, being the amount due for contract, be appropriated and paid to the transcriber.

All which is faithfully submitted.

Signed, SHUBAEL BELL, FRANCIS J. OLIVER, } Committee.

At a Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, by direction of the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esq., for the purpose of constituting Pentucket Lodge and Installing its officers, 12th October, A.L. 5809, in the town of Chelmsford, 5th Masonic District.

Present.

R.W. Timo. Whiting, Esq. .	Grand Master, *pro tem*, and Dist. Dep. Grand Master, 5th M. Dist.
R.W. Oliver Prescott . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. James Brazer . .	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Abbot . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. & Rev. Thos. Beede . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
R.W. Caleb Butler . . .	Rec. Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Shubael Bell . . .	Cor. Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Abraham Moore . .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. William T. Brazer .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Job Drew	1st Grand Steward.
W. James Lewis . .	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. Moses Emerson . .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Jonathan Hildreth .	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Sampson Woods . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Solomon Carleton .	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Benj. Russell . .	Grand Marshal.
W. & Rev. Ezra Ripley . . .	Grand Chaplain.

The Grand Lodge being opened, the M.W. Grand Master directed the R.W. Grand Marshal to inform the Master of Pentucket Lodge, then convened at Mr. Spaulding's Hall, that the Grand Lodge was ready to receive any communications that they wished to make. A committee from Pentucket Lodge then waited on the Grand Lodge and informed the M.W. Grand Master that the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge had been pleased to grant them a Charter of Constitution, bearing date the 9th of March, A.L. 5807; that since that time they had regularly assembled and conducted the business of Masonry according to their best ability, and their proceedings had met the approbation of the Grand Lodge; that they were desirous their Lodge should be consecrated, and its officers installed, agreeably to

ancient usages and customs, for which they were now assembled and waited the pleasure of the Grand Master.

The Grand Lodge was then escorted by a band of music to Spaulding's Hall and received in Due Form by Pentucket Lodge. After the usual ceremonies on such occasions, the R.W. Master of Pentucket Lodge, having been duly invested with the characteristics of the Chair, a grand procession was formed in the usual order and proceeded over Pentucket Bridge to the meeting-house in Dracut, where the exercises were as follows:

1st. Music.

2d. Prayer by the Rev'd and R.W. Thomas Beede.

3d. An eloquent and enlightened discourse by B. Wilkes Allen.

4th. Consecration of Pentucket Lodge, consecrating prayer by the Rev'd Bro. Ripley, of Concord.

5th. Installation of the officers of Pentucket Lodge.

6th. Solemn and impressive charge by R.W. Timothy Whiting, Esq.

7th. Music.

8th. Benediction by Reverend Brother E. Ripley.

The procession was then resumed and returned to Mr. Whiting's Hall, where several of the Reverend Clergy and other gentlemen joined with the Fraternity and partook of a sumptuous refreshment, after which a number of toasts were drank and the following votes passed, vizt:

1st. Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge, and also of the Pentucket Lodge, be rendered to the M.W. Timothy Whiting, Esq., and to the Rev'd Brother Allen, for their truly Masonic and excellent performances; and that copies of each be requested for the press, by a select committee.

2nd. On motion, Voted, That the R.W. Oliver Prescott, R.W. James Brazer and R.W. Benjamin Russell be a committee accordingly.

The Grand Lodge then returned to the room where it had been opened and was then closed in Due Form.

Attest: Caleb Butler,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

A true copy.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on Monday, the 12th of March, A.L. 5810. The following officers, members, representatives of Lodges, past Grand officers, etc., were present, vizt:

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. PLINY HARTSHORN	Grand Steward.
W. BRO. BARBER . .	2nd Steward.
W. JOHN BAKER . .	1st Pursuivant.
Bro. WM. EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING, ESQ. .	D. D. G. M. for the 5th District.

The following Lodges under this Jurisdiction were duly represented, vizt: St. John's, Boston, St. Andrew's, Rising States, St. Peter's, Columbian, Cincinnatus, Harmony, Jerusalem, Ancient Landmark, King Solomon's, Friendship, St. Paul's, St. John's, Newburyport, Rising Star, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Sincerity, United, Sheffield, Rising Sun, Trinity, Washington, Meridian.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM, and by order of the Most W'l Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, the proceedings of the last Quarterly Communication were read by the Grand Secretary.

The following R.W. Brethren were chosen a committee to enquire by what Brother, or by what means, the proceedings of this Grand Lodge, respecting the petition of the Rev'd and R.W. Brother Thatcher, were disclosed, contrary to the established order and regulation of this Lodge, and to report the next Quarterly Communication: R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Esq., R.W. Benj. Russell, Esq., R.W. Andrew Sigourney, Esq.

The committee who were appointed to wait on the late Grand Treasurer, with the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his honorable and faithful services for many years; to receive the books, papers, regalia, etc., reported, that they had discharged the duties assigned them.

The committee to revise the Constitution and adapt the Laws and Regulations to the present state of Masonry in this Commonwealth, ask'd and had leave to sit again.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies for the year 5810 and order'd on record, vizt:

R.W. Henry Fowle for Rising Sun Lodge to September next.
R.W. Jonathan Allen for Franklin Lodge to October next.
R.W. Samuel Mackay for Friendship Lodge to December next.
R.W. Benj. Gleason for Cincinnatus Lodge to September next.
R.W. Benj. Russell for Sheffield Lodge to September next.
R.W. Samuel Brewer for Harmony Lodge to November next.
R.W. John Boyle for Sincerity Lodge to November next.
R.W. John Hart for Wisdom Lodge to November next.

The committee empowered by the Grand Lodge in December last to draw on the Grand Treasurer for fifty dollars and pay over the same to the R.W. Brother T. C. Thatcher reported, that they had completed the business assigned them.

The committee on communications from Pennsylvania and elsewhere asked and had leave to sit again, R.W. Brother Benj. Russell, chairman.

A petition was presented from a number of Master Masons residing in the town of Northboro, in the county of Worcester, for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town, by the name of Fredonia Lodge, which was read and being constitutionally recommended and sanctioned by the R.W'l Timothy Whiting, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master, it was Voted, To grant the prayer of the petition, and that it be annexed to the 5th Masonic District.

Several communications were presented by the Grand Secretary and committed by a vote of the Grand Lodge to the three R.W'l Brethren, vizt: R.W. Elisha Crane, R.W. Andrew Sigourney, R.W. Henry Fowle.

A debate took place in Grand Lodge respecting the deposit of the transcript of the records of the Lodge; the following vote,

on motion of Bro. Benj. Russell, pass'd unanimously, vizt; WHEREAS it is found inconvenient for the transcribed records of this Grand Lodge to remain in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, therefore VOTED, That they shall in future be deposited in the hands of the M.W. Grand Master for the time being, any vote to the contrary notwithstanding.

In consequence of a communication received from Rising States Lodge, by their Master, referring to a competition of rank between that Lodge and Saint Andrew's Lodge, in their late admittance under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, it was on motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be now appointed to confer with any committee which may be chosen by Rising States Lodge, on the subjects of complaint exhibited by that Lodge, and that they report their doings at the next Quarterly Communication. The following Brethren were appointed accordingly, vizt: R.W. John Warren, Past Grand Master; R. W. Timothy Bigelow, Past Grand Master; R.W. John Boyle, Deputy Grand Master; R.W. Benjamin Russell, Grand Marshal; R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Senior Grand Warden.

A petition was read from a majority of the officers and members of Rising Star Lodge, praying for permission to remove that Lodge from Stoughton to Canton, in the same county, and to hold their future meetings there, as more for the convenience and interest of the Lodge. On motion, VOTED, To grant their petition, provided, that the removal meets the approbation of the R.W. District Deputy Grand Master of the District, and they produce his certificate of the same, in which case an authority for removal shall be endorsed on their charter by the Grand Secretary.

R't W. Andrew Sigourney, Grand Treasurer, reported to the Grand Lodge, that there were a great number of pamphlets among the archives of the Lodge, which he had received from the late Treasurer, R.W. Allen Crocker. On motion, VOTED, That he be directed to distribute the same among the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, as his discretion shall dictate.

On motion of the R't W'l Benjamin Russell, Grand Marshal, it was VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be now given, and that the same be recorded by the Grand Secretary,

to the M.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq. and the M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Past Grand Masters, for their long, faithful and distinguished services render'd the Grand Lodge; and also to the R't W'l Timothy Whiting, Esq., and the R.W. Henry Fowle, Esq., for their eminent and useful services in the several important stations they have respectively filled.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to report to the Grand Lodge all committees who have not hitherto made report to the Grand Lodge of their doings, agreeably to their commissions.

The Most Worshipful was then pleased to close the Grand Lodge to the second Monday in June ensuing.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A Meeting of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Masons Hall, at Boston, being Quarterly Communication, on the evening of June 11th, A.L. 5810, when the following Brethren were present vizt:

M.W. Josiah Bartlett	Grand Master.
R.W. John Boyle . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John B. Hammatt	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Andrew Sigourney .	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. Job Drew	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Robert Lash, Jr. . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Michael Roulstone .	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. John Baker . .	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. Benj. Russell . . .	Grand Marshal.
Bro. William Eaton . . .	Grand Tyler.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrew's, Rising States, Massachusetts, Trinity, Columbian, Cincinnatus, King Hiram, Washington, Kennebec, Harmony, Mount Moriah, Montgomery, Mount Lebanon, Aurora, Amity, Sincerity, United, Union of Nantucket, Constellation, Sheffield, Mount Carmel, Sylvan, Oxford and Rising Star.

The committee chosen to investigate the disclosure of the transactions of this Grand Lodge, relative to the R.W. and Reverend T. C. Thatcher, reported, that they had not been able to make any discovery of the same. On motion, Voted, That their report be accepted.

The Committee of Conference, chosen by this Grand Lodge, at the last Quarterly Communication, on the concerns of Rising States Lodge, having duly attended to the object of their commission beg'd leave to submit the following report, vizt:

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, at their Quarterly Communication in March last, to confer with a committee of Rising States on the subject of the rank of that Lodge in the Grand Lodge, have attended that duty and have had several

free conferences with a respectable committee of Rising States Lodge, and now ask leave to report, that upon said conferences the committee of the Rising States Lodge represented to your committee that all the facts set forth in their remonstrance to the Grand Lodge in March last are correctly and truly stated; and that they comprise all the facts material to the Question, in support of which one of their committee, being the only surviving witness of all said facts, gave his Masonic assurance of all said facts to your committee. Your committee having no authority to confer with any other Lodge, nor enquire into any facts connected with said subject, but such as might be disclosed to them upon said conferences, nor to pronounce any opinion as to the measures proper to be adopted by the Grand Lodge, make no other report than the foregoing, except to add that they are well satisfied as to the truth of the facts stated in said remonstrance, but yet are of opinion that others do exist which are not there stated, which would have a material influence on the Grand Lodge in deciding on the subject.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOHN WARREN,
BENJ. RUSSELL,
TIMOTHY BIGELOW,
JOHN BOYLE,
FRANCIS J. OLIVER.

June 10th, 5810.

The Committee on the Revision of the Rules and Regulations of this Grand Lodge for the purpose of adapting them to the present state of Masonry in this Commonwealth, ask'd and had leave to sit again.

The following Brethren were admitted and took their seats as proxies, vizt:

JONATHAN HUNT for Oxford Lodge, 1 yr. from Nov., 1809.
JOHN B. HAMMATT for Union, Nantucket, 1 yr. from March, 1810.
SAMUEL SMITH for United Lodge, 1 yr. from April, 1810.

A communication was received from Harmony Lodge, accusing J—— S—— of mal-conduct as a Mason; of abuse to several Brethren of that Lodge, etc. On motion, VOTED, That the

Grand Secretary be directed to write Harmony Lodge and recommend that said complaints be refer'd to the decision of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th District, agreeably to the regulations provided for such purposes.

A petition was presented by a number of Brethren in the town of Lanesboro', in the county of Berkshire, for a Warrant of Constitution to hold a Lodge in that town, by the name of Mystic Lodge; and on motion, VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition.

A petition from Sylvan Lodge, at Southwick, for permission to hold that Lodge one-half the year at Springfield, being for the better accommodation and convenience of its members; also for leave to exchange the name of that Lodge to Friendly Society Lodge. On motion, VOTED, To grant leave for the exchange of name and likewise for alternate meetings during the pleasure of the Grand Lodge.

The Right Worshipful John Saunders, District Deputy Grand Master for the Second District, having sent his resignation of that important office, the Most Worshipful Grand Master was pleased to accept the same.

The committee on establishing a Charity Fund, not being prepared to report, ask'd and had leave to sit again.

The Most W'l was pleased to nominate the Right Worshipful Brother Joshua Greenleaf to be District Deputy Grand Master for the 2d Masonic District, in the room of R't Worshipful John Saunders resigned, and the Grand Secretary was directed to inform him of the same.

The Grand Lodge was closed in AMPLE FORM.

Attest, JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE M'T WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the evening of the 10th day of September, A.L. 5810, when the following Grand Officers, members of the Grand Lodge, Past Grand Officers and proxies of Lodges were present,

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JAMES GREEN	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN BARBER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR . . .	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. ROBERT LASH, JR.	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE . . .	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. JOHN BAKER	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

ALSO

M.W. ISAIAH THOMAS, ESQ. . . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Senior Grand Warden.

The following Lodges were also duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrews', Rising States, Tyrian, Portland, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, King Solomon's, Essex, Old Colony, Columbian, Cincinnatus, Washington, Kennebec, Jerusalem, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, Sincerity, United, Sheffield, Oxford, Rising Sun and Jordan.

R.W. Samuel Thaxter was admitted a proxy for Old Colony Lodge for one year, certificate sealed dated August 28th, 5810, and took his seat accordingly.

The proceedings of the last Communication were then read by the Grand Secretary.

M't W'l Isaiah Thomas, chairman of the Committee on the revision of the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, rose and made some observations relating to that important subject.

He reported that the committee had made some progress and ask'd leave to sit again, which was granted.

A communication was received from Essex Lodge in Salem, representing some supposed irregularities in M't Moriah and Philanthropic Lodges, which was read by the Grand Secretary. After some deliberation it was on motion, VOTED, To commit the same to five Brethren, who were also directed to extend their investigation to all other Lodges where such irregular proceedings may appear to have taken place. The following R.W. Brethren were appointed on this committee, vizt: Andrew Sigourney, James Green, John Dixwell, Benj. Russell, Thos. Redman.

R.W. John Soley, chairman of the committee on the establishment of the Charity Fund, made a report on the subject of their commission, which being read and discussed, it was moved and seconded, that the report be recommitted and that they be directed to complete the same by the next Quarterly Communication.

A communication was received from the officers and members of Marine Lodge, at Falmouth, representing the situation of that Lodge; requesting leave to return their charter to the parent Grand Lodge, and offering as reasons for so doing, the impoverished state of their finances, the absence of many of their Brethren, and other inabilities, which prevented their meeting at present as a Lodge and discharging their regular dues.

Whereupon it was on motion, VOTED, "That the Grand Secretary be directed to write the officers and members of Marine Lodge, requesting them to deliver their charter, seal and regalia of the Lodge into the hands of R.W. and Hon'ble Charles Turner, Jun., Esq., District Deputy Grand Master of the 3d Masonic District, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, to be again restored to that Lodge on their regular application for a future establishment.

The Grand Secretary complied with the above direction without delay.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Brother Michael Roulstone mentioned an error in the publication of the Annual Communication for A.L. 5809, respecting the expulsion of J—— A—— from Columbian Lodge; and on examination it appeared that the publication did not accord with the record of the Grand Lodge as made on the 11th September, A.L. 5809.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Lodge regret a mistake which unjustly implicates the character of the said J—— A——, and that the Grand Secretary be directed immediately to transmit to every Lodge under the Jurisdiction, and to every other Lodge as well as to every member of the Fraternity to whom he may have sent a last annual Communication, a copy of this vote, and of the mistake committed.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to close the Grand Lodge and directed that it should stand closed till the 26th day of the present month, then to assemble at Danvers, county of Essex, for the purpose of constituting Jordan Lodge, agreeably to its charter granted the 12th day of December, A.L. 5808.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

DANVERS, 26TH OF SEPTEMBER, 5810.

Agreeably to the direction of the M.W. Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, the Grand Lodge met at Danvers, in the county of Essex, to constitute Jordan Lodge, which was done accordingly in AMPLE FORM.

The following Grand Officers were present, vizt:

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT . .	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BARTLETT . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS HARTSHORN	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SAUNDERS .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JAMES ABBOT . . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Marshal.
W. BRO. KING . .	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW . .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
W. BRO. COLE	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
W. SAM'L GRAGG .	1st Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. BRO. SANBORN .	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
R.W. & Rev. BRO. BATCHELDER . .	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*

The whole of Essex Lodge from Salem also attended the celebration, with many of the Fraternity from adjacent Lodges. The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM at the mansion house of Mr. Saunders and were waited upon by a respectable committee of the officers and members of Jordan Lodge, who informed that their Lodge was assembled and was opened at their hall and was ready to receive the M't W'l Grand Lodge to execute the purposes of the day. The Grand Lodge, attentive to the information, immediately repaired to the hall, preceded by a band of music, gentlemen amateurs from Salem.

The usual ceremonies of proving pretentions and Masonic abilities of the R.W. Master of Jordan Lodge, examinations of By-Laws and Regulations being pass'd through, the Grand Lodge, in union with Jordan and Essex Lodges, and the whole assemblage of visiting Brethren, then form'd in a grand pro-

cession, led by the music aforesaid, march'd to the Rev. Mr. Wilkins' meeting-house in Danvers. Having arrived there, and the Grand Lodge properly arranged, the solemnities commenced with music. A devout prayer was then offer'd to the Supreme Architect by the Rev'd Mr. Walker, followed by hymns composed for the occasion and sung by a choir of vocal musicians accompanied by instrumental. A sermon was preached by the R.W. and Rev'd Brother Batchelder, of Bradford, from these words, "Prove all things: hold fast to that which is good." The discourse was truly original and well adapted, and the language refined and impressive.

The solemnities of public consecration were then performed. The Installation of the officers of Jordan Lodge with investure in true Masonic order, succeeded; and an appropriate address by the Most W'l Grand Master closed the Masonic proceedings.

The meeting-house was tastefully and elegantly decorated, by the ladies of Danvers, with festoons, hangings, and Masonic emblems of evergreens, oak-leaves, etc.

The house was crowded with ladies, the civil magistrates of Danvers, the neighboring Clergy, gentlemen of distinction and numerous spectators.

The Grand procession being again formed, retired to a spacious arbor erected for the occasion and partook of a plenteous repast, which was attended with much convivial sentiment, mirth and innocence.

The Grand Lodge retired early to their room and was closed in Ample Form.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

The Constituting of Mystic Lodge at Lanesboro', by a District Deputy Grand Lodge on Thursday, the 12th July, 5810, agreeably to a warrant therefor by the M.W. Josiah Bartlett, Grand Master, dated the 12th of June, A.L. 5810, as exhibited by R.W. Robert Walker, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District.

R.W. Robert Walker, Esq. . . .	District Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. William Towner . . .	[Special] Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Kirchell Bell .	Dist. D'y Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Zenos Cross	Dist. D'y Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Cyrus Stowell . .	Dist. Deputy Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Dennis Robertson	Dist. Deputy Grand Secretary.
R.W. William Stevenson	Dist. D'y Senior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Daniel Thompson .	Dist. D'y Junior Grand Deacon.
Bro. Thomas Smith .	Bearer of the Holy Writings.
Bro. Daniel Boynton	Bearer of the Constitutions.
Bro. Henry Wiswall	Dist. D'y Senior Grand Steward.
Bro. Simeon Thompson	Dist. D'y Junior Grand Steward.
Bro. William McCady	Dist Deputy Grand Marshal.
Bro. Daniel Lawrence	Dist. Deputy Grand Tyler.

Signed, a true copy of the District Deputy Grand Lodge.

Attest: Daniel Robertson,
District Deputy Grand Secretary.

Thus organized the District Deputy Grand Lodge, preceded by a band of music, march'd to Bro. Bacon's Hall where Mystic Lodge was assembled and, after the ceremonies usual on such occasions, formed a procession, consisting of about one hundred Brethren, moved to the meeting-house, where an excellent sermon was delivered by the Rev'd M. Pardy. The officers of Mystic Lodge were invested, charged and installed in Due Form, and pronounced and declar'd by the District Deputy Grand Marshal, agreeably to the Book of Constitutions.

After which the procession retired to a bower prepared for the purpose, and partook of a most elegant dinner prepared by Brother Bacon, and all retired to their several homes at an early

hour. A very large concourse of spectators attended, who all appear'd to be much gratified and pleased.

Signed, by R.W. Bro. Walker, and attested by

DANIEL ROBERTSON,
District Deputy Grand Secretary.

N.B. The names of the officers and members of Mystic Lodge were received and placed on the files of the Grand Lodge.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Annual Communication, December 10th, A.L. 5810.

An Annual Meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Masons Hall, at Boston, on the evening of the 10th day of December, A.L. 5810, for the choice of officers for the ensuing year and other important purposes, when the following Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, members, etc., were present, vizt:

M.W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq.	Grand Master.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Esq.	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Oliver Prescott, Esq.	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Marshal.
R.W. John B. Hammatt	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Robert Lash, Jr.	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Thomas Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Job Drew	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. Michael Roulstone	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. John Baker	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.
R.W. Timothy Whiting	P. S. G. W. and D. D. G. M. of the 5th District.
R.W. Samuel Dunn	Past Grand Master.
R.W. Thomas Dennie	Past Grand Warden.
R.W. Shubael Bell	P. S. G. W. and D. D. G. M. 1st District.
R.W. James Gardner	D. D. G. M. 2nd District.
R.W. James D. Hopkins	D. D. G. M. 9th District.
R.W. Jona. Maynard	Past D. D. G. M. 5th District.
R.W. Isaiah Thomas	Past Grand Master.
R.W. John Soley	Past Senior Grand Warden.

The Grand Lodge was opened in Ample Form, and the Grand Secretary, by direction of the M't Worshipful Grand Master, read the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the last Quarterly Communication.

The following Lodges under the Jurisdiction were properly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrew's, Portland,

Tyrian, Trinity, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, Warren, King Solomon's, Unity, Essex, Friendship, Lincoln, Federal, Morning Star, Middlesex, Columbian, Washington, Kennebec, Fayette, Union of Dorchester, Harmony, Jerusalem, St. Paul's, Fellowship, Meridian, Corinthian, Montgomery, Olive Branch, Mt. Moriah, Philanthropic, Mount Zion, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Aurora, Eastern Star, Rural, Sumner, United, Charity, Cumberland, Sheffield, Mount Carmel, Amicable, Oxford, Ancient Landmark, Rising Sun and Jordan.

The Grand Secretary was called upon to make known the unfinished business of the Grand Lodge, which was read accordingly.

The subject of the address d'l'd by the M't W'l Isaiah Thomas before the Grand Lodge on the month of December, A.L. 5805, was taken up and on motion, Voted, That it be again committed and the following Brethren were appointed and directed to report as soon as may be, vizt: R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Andrew Sigourney, R.W. Henry Fowle.

The committee on the application to the Hon'ble Legislature, chosen in December, 5804, were called upon for a statement of that business. R.W. Brother Maynard, chairman, being present, reported that the subject had been duly attended to but without the desired effect. On motion, Voted, That the committee be discharged from any farther duty on that subject.

A great number of letters and communications from the M't W'l Grand Lodges in Europe and most of the States in the Union were laid before the Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

On motion, Voted, That they should be deliver'd for attention and reply to the R.W. Corresponding Grand Secretary, next to be appointed, except those from North Carolina and Tennessee, which were Voted, To be committed to a special committee with direction to report thereon at the adjournment of this Grand Lodge on Monday the 17th instant. The committee appointed were R.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. James D. Hopkins.

At the Communication in December, 5808, it was Voted, That the records of the Grand Lodge should be annually dupli-

cated and that a committee should be appointed to declare a compensation for the same. The R.W. and Rev'd Thad's M. Harris was that committee, but he now being absent it was on motion, VOTED, To choose another committee for that purpose to consist of three which were R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. John Soley, R.W. John Dixwell.

The committee on the subject of complaint preferred by Essex Lodge against the proceedings of Mount Moriah Lodge at Reading and Philanthropic Lodge at Marblehead, being called upon by the M.W. Grand Lodge presented a report, which being read, it was on motion, VOTED, That the said report lay on the files of the Grand Lodge for farther consideration.

A letter was read from Unity Lodge at Ipswich, representing the impoverished state of their funds, and for a remission of quarterages for a number of years past. On motion, VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners cannot be granted.

R.W. John Brazer, R.W. John Tuckerman and Bro. David Greene were introduced to Grand Lodge and presented by the R.W. Grand Marshal, as a committee from the Rising States Lodge, and were allowed to take their seats, they wearing their jewels as Masters, Wardens and Officers of that Lodge. But it being suggested by the R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Senior Grand Warden, that Rising States Lodge had determined on an early resignation of their charter to the parent Grand Lodge, a doubt arose whether they had a right to vote in Grand Lodge. It was also affirmed that a dissolution had taken place as a Lodge and a division of their funds contemplated. On these informations the M.W. Grand Master called on the committee of Rising States Lodge for the records of that Lodge by which the foregoing facts were fully substantiated. Bro. J. Brazer then came forward and resigned the charter in behalf of that Lodge. After some debate a committee was raised to take the state and circumstances of that Lodge into consideration and the propriety of accepting the resignation of their charter. The committee consisted of the five following Brethren, vizt: R.W. John Soley, R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. Tim. Whiting, R.W. Francis J. Oliver, R.W. John Dixwell.

They were directed to report the next Quarterly Communication.

A petition was presented from Mrs. H—— B——, widow of our late R.W. Brother E—— B——, deceased, Past Master of Rising States Lodge; also, from the widow S—— P——, wife of A. A. P——, praying for charitable relief; which were committed to three, vizt: R. Wors. Benj. Russell, Isaiah Thomas, Henry Purkitt.

The Committee of Accounts and Finance produced the following report, which was read by their chairman, vizt:

The committee of the Grand Lodge appointed to examine the books and receipts of the Grand Secretary, and to audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer the past year, report:

That since the settlement of the Grand Secretary in December last, when the present Grand Treasurer commenced his office, the said Grand Secretary has received as follows, from the R't Worshipful District Deputy Grand Masters, vizt:

R.W. Shubael Bell,	1st District		.....$433.85	
R.W. John Saunders,	2d	do.	..... 88.73	
R.W. John Phelps,	7th	do.	..... 105.01	
R.W. Robert Walker,	8th	do.	..... 94.00	
R.W. James D. Hopkins,	9th	do.	..... 173.00	
R.W. Sam'l Thatcher,	10th	do.	..... 55.45	
R.W. John Brock,	12th	do.	..... 16.00	
R.W. Charles Turner, Jr.,	3d	do.	..... 38.70	
For charters granted, Fredonia Lodge			71	
[Felicity] Maine Lodge			71	
Mystic Lodge			71	213.00
				$1,217.74

which sum he has duly paid over to the Grand Treasurer, and has receipts therefor.

That the Grand Treasurer has rec'd as follows, vizt:

Of the late Grand Treasurer a balance of...	39	13
Of the Grand Secretary, above.....	1,217	74
Dividends on Grand Lodge stock.....	90	
Dollars,	1,346	87

That he has paid out on bills that have been allowed

by the committee.....	383	70
And there is a balance in his hands of.....	963	17
Dollars,	1,346	87

And further, that the funds of the Grand Lodge now consist of the above balance and four thousand dollars in 3 per cent. stock of the United States. The committee also report, that the books of the Grand Secretary have been accurately kept and that the accounts of the Grand Treasurer stated and kept in a correct and particular manner and accompanied by the most ample vouchers.

The committee deem it their duty to state that no returns were made nor monies rec'd from the District Deputy Grand Masters of the 4th, 6th and 11th Districts, and that there have been many irregularities in the execution of the regulations respecting the communications and accounts of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Some of these irregularities are found in the following occurrences: Some of the District Deputy Grand Masters are in the habit of allowing their own charges of expenses from the amount of their collections and dues to the Grand Lodge, and either transmitting or paying the balance to the Grand Secretary, and the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have received such balances before the accounts have been examined and allowed by the Committee of Finance. In some instances the District Deputy Grand Masters, in addition to their expenses in visiting the Lodges, have charged for their expenses in visiting the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge; and in one instance the charge, by inadvertance, has been allowed. One of the District Deputy Grand Masters has promised to account for the dues of a Lodge, but the promise has been neglected. In another instance the committee find that St. Peter's Lodge made a return to the Grand Secretary instead of the District Deputy Grand Master of that District and that the Grand Secretary received the return, which he ought to have transmitted to the District Deputy Grand Master. Several Lodges, which have paid up their dues for the year past, are still indebted for several years preceding, and some of the Lodges have made no return and neglect to pay their dues. In two returns from the 10th District the quarterages are stated at two dollars per year, instead of two dollars per quarter, and the District Deputy Grand Master has transmitted the return

without correcting it. In one instance, in the 3d District, the committee find that a Lodge has recently initiated 24 Masons, has paid no quarterages for several years, no fees for Initiation, and suggested a determination to apply to the Grand Lodge for a remission of its dues. In one District the committee find that the District Deputy neglected to visit three Lodges within his District; and in another District the District Deputy Grand Master charges no less than 185 miles of travel in visiting his Lodges. The committee would therefore recommend, that the subjects here stated and complained of be referred to a committee to report measures to remedy the evils.

The committee have also examined the diploma account of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, and find them accurate and accordant, and that the Grand Secretary has now in his hands to be accounted for, 21 diplomas.

The committee further state that the irregularities they have stated are but few, compared with the returns which are correct and honorable to the officers who have made them; that the funds of the Grand Lodge have increased nearly one thousand dollars in the year past and that from the arduous and various duties of the Grand Secretary, they are of opinion, that he ought to be allowed two hundred and fifty dollars for his services the preceding year.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, BENJ. RUSSELL, in behalf of Committee.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER for Cumberland Lodge.
R.W. ALEXANDER J. WILLARD for Social Lodge.
R.W. ROBERT LASH, JR. for Kennebec Lodge.

R.W. Oliver Prescott, Esq., who in the year of Light, 5809, was elected to the office of Junior Grand Warden for this Grand Lodge, and being then absent was installed by proxy, was, on this evening, by the M. W'l Grand Master, personally charged and obligated to that office. Brother Prescott declined being again considered as a candidate as it was incompatible with his professional business.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the various subjects designated in the foregoing report of the Committee of Finance, and report thereon as soon as may be, when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. Benjamin Russell, R.W. Francis J. Oliver, R.W. Henry Fowle.

The Committee on the Charity Fund made a report which was read and order'd on file, to be acted upon at the future call of the Grand Lodge.

The M. W'l Josiah Bartlett from the Chair announced that the hour had arrived at which annually commenced the choice of the five elective Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing, and directed that the same be now completed. On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be now chosen to collect, sort and count the votes for the several officers to be elected, and the following Brethren were chosen accordingly, vizt: R. Wors. Benjamin Russell, Job Drew, Michael Roulstone, Thomas Redman, John Boyle.

The ballot being taken for the M.W. Grand Master, it appear'd that the Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Esq., was duly elected; and, by direction of the presiding M.W. Grand Master, was proclaimed by the R.W. Grand Marshal to be Grand Master of Masons for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for Anno Lucis 5811.

The ballots being taken for the other four candidates for officers, it appeared that the R.W. Francis J. Oliver was re-elected Senior Grand Warden; R.W. Benj. Russell was elected Junior Grand Warden; R.W. Andrew Sigourney re-elected Grand Treasurer; and W. John Proctor re-elected Grand Recording Secretary.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five be now raised to wait on the Hon'ble and M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., and inform him that the M.W. Grand Lodge had confer'd the high and exalted office of Grand Master upon him and to know his acceptance of the same. The committee were, R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. John Soley, R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Joseph Jenkins, R.W. John Abbot.

The M't W'l Grand Master was then pleased to appoint Wednesday the 12th instant for the purpose of Installing the Grand Officers-elect and for other important Masonic purposes; and also appointed R.W. Henry Fowle and R.W. Thomas Redman, with the Grand Stewards, to prepare Masons Hall and to make every other arrangement necessary for the accommodation of the M. W'l Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then accordingly adjourned to the 12th instant.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

N.B. The Grand Lodge was afterwards necessarily adjourned to the 17th.

THE GRAND LODGE was convened, as by adjournment to December the 17th, at Masons Hall, for the Installation of the Grand Officers, both elected and appointed, for the year A.L. 5811, and for other Masonic purposes.

PRESENT.

M.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN BAKER	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Rev. ASA EATON	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Steward.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

There were also present several Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, Officers of the Royal Arch Chapter, etc., with the representatives of private Lodges, with a few exceptions, as at the Annual Communication on the 10th instant.

The R.W. Henry Fowle, Esq., Grand Marshal, pro tem., having duly organized the Grand Lodge, the special business of the evening was declared by the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM.

On motion of the M.W. Josiah Bartlett from the Chair, VOTED, To choose a Committee of Accounts and Finance for the year ensuing, when the following R.W. Brethren were re-elected, vizt: Benj. Russell, Henry Fowle, Henry Purkitt.

R.W. Isaiah Thomas, chairman of the committee on letters and communications from North Carolina and Tennessee, laid the following report on the Secretary's table, which on being read was unanimously accepted, vizt:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the communications from the Grand Lodges of North Carolina and

Tennessee, having maturely considered of the subject referred to them, respectfully submit the following report, vizt:

That it appears from the records of this Grand Lodge, that on the 8th day of December, A.L. 5800, on a communication from the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania on the subject of a National Superintending Grand Lodge, as proposed by the R't W'l Grand Lodge of South Carolina, the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts VOTED, unanimously, "That the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts considers it inexpedient to convene with the Grand Lodge of South Carolina in the plan of a National Superintending Grand Lodge or the calling of a Convention for that purpose." And in consequence of another communication from the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania dated the 3d of August, 5807, the object of which communication was to desire a compliance with the said R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania and some other Grand Lodges of the United States, to appoint a deputation to meet the delegates from said Grand Lodges in Philadelphia on the first Monday of the May then following, to consult on measures for the general benefit of the Fraternity in these States, etc., etc. This M.W. Grand Lodge, at the Quarterly Communication in September of that year, chose a committee to take said communication under consideration and make report thereon; and a committee of three, vizt: Isaiah Thomas, Grand Master; Simon Elliot, Deputy Grand Master; and Allen Crocker, Grand Treasurer, were accordingly chosen. This committee, at the Annual Communication in December of said year, made report in the words following; "That they deem it inexpedient that this Grand Lodge approbate the proposal of the R.W. Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania to send a deputation to meet the delegates of such other Grand Lodges as have been, or may be, appointed to meet at Philadelphia, on the first Monday of May next, to consult on measures for the general benefit of Masonry in the United States; particularly to endeavor to form a more intimate connection and to establish a more regular and permanent intercourse between the several Grand Lodges, that their combin'd energies may enable the Fraternity to extend the benevolent spirit of its Order and complete and promote a uni-

formity of government, discipline and labor in the subordinate Lodges and thereby increase the respectability of the Craft, so that eventually the Wisdom that cements, the Strength that supports and the Beauty which adorns the Columbian Masonic Column may be viewed with delight by the Fraternity throughout the World and excite them to venerate this Column as one of the chief which support the magnificent temple of Masonry."

Your committee, respecting the present communication from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina and Tennessee, are of opinion that it will be expedient for the M.W. Grand Master of this Commonwealth to appoint by a commission, under the Seal of this Grand Lodge, and to be valid for three months, some Brother or Brothers, who are or have been Masters of Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and who are now members of Congress, to meet such delegates from other Grand Lodges as may assemble at the city of Washington on the 4th Monday of January next, then and there to act on any measures mentioned in the report of your committee presented to you at the Annual Communication in December, 5807, as above stated; but to instruct said delegate or delegates not to agree to any motion or resolves which may be made in convention for the forming of or for the meeting of, a National Superintending Grand Lodge, without special instructions from this Grand Lodge. And that said delegate or delegates be requested to give information to the M.W. Grand Master, or to the Secretary of this Grand Lodge, of the proceedings of said delegates, should they meet at Washington, as soon as may be.

In behalf, and by order, of the committee,

ISAIAH THOMAS,
Chairman.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
15th December, A.L. 5810.

The committee appointed on the petitions of the widows B—— and P—— for charitable relief reported as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed by the M.W. Grand Lodge at the present Quarterly Communication to consider of the petitions

of H—— B—— and S—— P——, have duly considered the prayers of said petitioners and do respectfully recommend that H—— B——, widow of our late worthy Brother and Past Master, E—— B——, receive a donation of fifty dollars; and that S—— P——, widow of our late Brother A—— A. P——, receive a donation of twenty dollars, both donations to be taken from the funds of the Grand Lodge, and that the M'l W'l Grand Master be requested to issue orders on the Grand Treasurer for the payment of these sums for the purposes intended.

In behalf, and by order, of the committee,

ISAIAH THOMAS,
Chairman.

Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,
December 15th, A.L. 5810.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Benj. Hurd and R.W. John Soley be a committee to dispose of the sums of money now granted, agreeably to their best judgment and discretion, for the benefit of the afore-mentioned widows.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee should be now raised to wait on the M.W. and Honorable Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master-elect with the new elected Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Secretary and introduce them into the Grand Lodge. The committee consisted of five, vizt: R.W. Isaiah Thomas, R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. James D. Hopkins, R.W. Elisha Sigourney, R.W. John Boyle, who attended to that duty and introduced them in Masonic order.

The R.W. and Rev'd Asa Eaton, Grand Chaplain, then addressed the Divine Architect, in a devout and solemn manner.

The M'l W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Grand Master, was then pleased to address the Grand Lodge, which was done in an affectionate and impressive manner; he also read a number of sections from the Book of Constitutions relative to the order in which the subordinate officers should be appointed and the duties and qualifications annexed thereto (immediately applicable to the Grand Officers now to be appointed), under the authority of the Grand Master for the time being.

The M. W'l Grand Master then inducted the R.W. and Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Esq., into the Chair of Solomon, invested him with the badges of his sublime office and gave the solemn charge appertaining thereto.

The Most Worshipful Timothy Bigelow, Esq., the new elected Grand Master, having previously received from the Grand Marshal the several badges of his elected officers, proceeded to invest and respectively to charge them agreeably to the Constitution, as follows;

R.W. Shubael Bell, as proxy for R.W. Francis J. Oliver who was absent as . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Benj. Russell	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney . . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. John Proctor . . .	Grand Secretary.

The M.W. Grand Master was then pleased to nominate and appoint, agreeably to the authority vested in him, the following Brethren as Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge for the year ensuing, vizt:

Rev. & R.W. Asa Eaton	Grand Chaplain.
Rev. & R.W. John Bartlett . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Henry Fowle . . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. John B. Hammatt .	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W. Job Drew . .	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W. Thomas Redman .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Mich'l Roulstone .	Grand Stewards.
" Ephraim Beaman . .	
" And'w Roulstone .	
" Benj. Ingalls . .	
W. Joseph Batson . .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
W. Benj. Burchstead	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William Eaton . .	Grand Tyler.

All these were duly invested and properly charged by the M.W. Grand Master and the Grand Marshal, agreeably to his direction, proclaimed them, respectively from the East, West and South of the M.W. Grand Lodge.

A procession of the Grand Lodge was then formed, and, Masonically marshal'd, moved round the hall, and on passing the East, West and South of the Lodge, the salutes of honor

and respect were severally paid to the Most Worshipful Grand Master-elect, and the Grand Senior and Junior Wardens. The Most W'l then addressed the Grand Lodge in an affectionate and appropriate manner, which was received with just approbation and applause.

The Grand Lodge, by direction of the M't W'l G'd Master, then retired, properly arranged, to an adjacent hall and partook of a liberal refreshment which had been previously prepared by the Grand Stewards.

At 9 o'clock the Grand Lodge in similar order returned to the Lodge-room and were again organized.

On motion to choose a committee of three to procure such regalia for the use of this Grand Lodge as they shall judge needful and convenient, the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Jno. B. Hammatt, R.W. Job Drew.

On motion, Voted, unanimously, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to our late Grand Master, the R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq., of Charlestown, for his eminent, instructive and unceasing labors to promote the good of the Craft in that dignified station to which he has been repeatedly called and elected; and that a committee be appointed to present him with a copy of this vote; also, that they be instructed to request of him a copy of his valuable Address deliver'd before the Grand Lodge this evening. The committee consisted of three, as follows, vizt: R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. Andrew Sigourney, R.W. James D. Hopkins.

Also, Voted, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to our R.W. Brother Benj. Russell, Esq., for his long, faithful and unwearied services for many years in the arduous and important office of Grand Marshal, and to R.W. Robert Lash, Jun., for his services as Junior Grand Deacon.

Voted, Thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to our late Rev'd and R.W'l Brother, Thaddeus M. Harris, for the very able and judicious manner in which he has discharged the difficult and extensive duties of the office of Corresponding Grand Secretary; and to the R.W. Oliver Prescott, Esq. for his services as Grand Junior Warden for the year past.

Inventory of the regalia belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts as given in by the Grand Stewards, December 10th, 5810, vizt:

Great Light, Square and Compasses.
A Mallet, 2 Truncheons for Grand Wardens.
1 Book of Constitutions, a Marshal's Sash and Truncheon.
17 Collars and 6 Past Grand Masters' Jewels.
Sword Bearer's Sword and Belt.
17 Aprons and Sashes for Grand Officers.
14 Leather Aprons, 3 Large Candlesticks.
1 Tyler's Sword, 12 Brass Candlesticks.
6 Doz. Knives and Forks, 1 Carving Knife.
2 Doz. Knives and Forks.
6 Doz. Small Plates, 1 Doz. Large Plates.
4 Doz. Wine Glasses, 15 Bottles, 1 Demijohn.
6 Wands, 1 Candle Box, and 2 Trunks.

A true copy.

Signed, JOB DREW,
MICH'L ROULSTONE,
Grand Stewards.

On motion, it was VOTED, That the Committee of Accounts and Finance be empowered to determine what proportion of the expense of repairing and ornamenting Masons Hall shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That the Committee of Accounts and Finance be instructed to report what Lodges under the Jurisdiction of Grand Lodge are deficient in the payment of their dues.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master was then pleased to close Grand Lodge and directed that it should stand closed till Wednesday the 20th of January next, then to assemble at this hall for the transacting of special and important business.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

Special Grand Lodge at Northborough, Jan'y 1st, 1811.

At a Meeting of a Special Grand Lodge holden at Northborough, in the county of Worcester, for the purpose of consecrating Fredonia Lodge, and Installing its officers, January 1st, A.L. 5811. The following Grand Officers were

Present.

R.W. Timothy Whiting, Esq.	Presiding Grand Master.
R.W. John Abbot, Esq.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Mich'l Newhall of Leominster	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Alexander Willard of Ashby	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Caleb Butler of Groton	Grand Secretary.
R.W. Joel Harris of Harvard	Cor. Grand Secretary.
R.W. Archelaus Thomas of Brookfield	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. David Wilder of Leominster	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Enoch Flagg of Worcester	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Michael Roulstone of Boston	Grand Marshal.
R.W. James Thompson of Barre	Grand Chaplain.
Bro. John Keyes of Westford	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. Amos Parker of Bolton	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. James Lewis of Groton	Grand Sword Bearer.
Bro. Joseph Batson of Boston	1st Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Michael Sherman of Marlboro'	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. Archibald Blake of Barre	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Lodge was opened at Mr. Munroe's Tavern. The procession consisting of the Grand Lodge, Fredonia Lodge, a number of the Rev'd Clergy, and Brethren of other Lodges, moved to the meeting-house. The ceremonies were performed before a numerous and respectable audience, in the following manner.

1st. An appropriate anthem.
2d. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.
3d. An appropriate hymn.
4th. A Masonic discourse by the Grand Chaplain.
5th. Consecration of Fredonia Lodge.
6th. Installation of its Officers.
7th. A Masonic address by the Grand Master.
8th. An appropriate anthem.

The Brethren then returned in procession to Mr. Munroe's Hall, where they partook of an excellent dinner.

On motion, VOTED, and chose R.W. Brothers John Abbot, Butler and Barlow a committee to express the thanks of the Grand Lodge, and Fredonia Lodge to the R.W. Timothy Whiting, presiding Grand Master, and the R.W. and Reverend Grand Chaplain for their excellent and truly Masonic discourses and to request copies for the press.

The committee performed the service committed to them and reported that the Grand Master and Grand Chaplain declined granting the requested copies.

The Grand Lodge was then closed.

A true copy. Attest: CALEB BUTLER,
Grand Secretary.

A true copy. Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

By direction of the Most W'l Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master, a meeting of the Grand Lodge was held at Masons Hall in Boston, for special purposes, on the evening of the 30th of January, A.L. 5811.

PRESENT.

M.W. & Hon. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY FOWLE . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . . .	Grand Secretary.
W. JOHN DIXWELL	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	1st Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE .	1st Grand Steward.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	2nd Grand Steward.
W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	3rd Grand Steward.
W. BENJ. INGALLS . .	4th Grand Steward.
W. JOSEPH BATSON .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
W. BENJ. BURCHSTEAD	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	Grand Tyler.

together with the following Past Grand Officers, vizt:

R.W. JOSIAH BARTLETT .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. TIMO. WHITING .	P. S. G'd W'n and D. D'y G'd M. for 3rd Masonic District.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Senior Grand Warden.

and about thirty Lodges, properly represented by Masters, Wardens and proxies. Brother Zebina Eastman, admitted proxy for Pacific Lodge, Leverett.

The Grand Secretary, by direction of the M't W'l Master, read the proceedings of the last evening.

The committee to whom was refer'd the important subject of devising ways and means for establishing a permanent CHARITY FUND for this Grand Lodge produced the following report, which was read by the Grand Secretary, and is as follows;

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CHARITY FUND.

The committee appointed to devise the Ways and Means for a permanent Charity Fund and to report a system for the gov-

ernment thereof, beg leave to recommend that the Grand Lodge pass the following resolutions, vizt:

1st. A fund shall be established to be denominated THE CHARITY FUND OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS.

2d. The Fund shall be raised by the appropriation of the sum of one thousand dollars in specie from the present funds of the Grand Lodge, and supported by the fees and appropriations hereinafter named, and by such subscriptions and donations as shall be designated for this purpose.

3d. From and after the first Monday in March, 5811, one-fourth part of the Quarterages paid to the Grand Lodge shall be appropriated to the said Fund.

4th. From and after the first Monday in March, 5811, one dollar shall be appropriated to said Fund for each and every candidate who may be initiated by the Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

5th. One-half of all donations made to the Grand Lodge, not specifically appropriated by the donors, shall be invested in said Fund.

6th. The Charity Fund aforesaid shall be under the direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the M't W'l Grand Master, R.W. Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and four Brethren who are not officers of the Grand Lodge, to be elected by ballot and to constitute, during good behavior, a permanent part of the Board—and provided a vacancy should occur, from death, resignation or any other cause, it shall be reported by the residue of the Board, to the Grand Lodge, at their next Quarterly Communication, at which time the vacancy shall be immediately filled.

7th. The Board of Trustees shall hold their meetings on Monday preceding each Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and at such [other] times as may be thought expedient; and a majority of the Board shall be necessary for every act except that of adjournment.

8th. The Board of Trustees shall report their proceedings to the Grand Lodge at the next ensuing Quarterly Communication, and the Grand Secretary shall keep a separate book in

which shall be recorded all the proceedings of the Trustees that shall be reported by the Secretary to the Board.

9th. The Charity Fund shall be always in the safe keeping of the Grand Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Trustees, and he shall vest the same in such stock as shall be most productive; and no loan nor donations shall be made from the principal of said Fund until the income thereof shall amount to three thousand dollars per annum.

10th. The Grand Treasurer shall have power to retain a year's interest arising from said Fund, to be appropriated by the Board of Trustees to the relief of poor and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans, as they may consider worthy of assistance; and should there be any interest unappropriated at the end of the year, it shall be vested as heretofore provided, and ever after be considered a part of the principal of said Fund.

11th. The Grand Treasurer shall report to the Grand Lodge, at each and every Communication, an account of all monies received and appropriations made to the Charity Fund, and of all donations and expenditures therefrom which have arisen during the Quarter. Be it further Resolved, That from and after the passing foregoing Act, establishing a Grand Charity Fund, the fee to be paid to the Grand Lodge for the initiation of a candidate shall be three dollars.

It is further recommended

That the Grand Lodge appoint a committee to prepare an address to those individuals within its Jurisdiction whose state of property may enable them to subscribe liberally to the Charity Fund, in which they shall represent the object of their application, and the purposes to be accomplished thereby.

That the same committee prepare an address to the several Lodges, to be forwarded by the Grand Secretary, that every individual of the Masonic family may have an opportunity to contribute, in proportion to his ability, to this grand object.

That the District Deputy Grand Masters be directed to appoint a committee, in their respective Districts, to designate the individuals proper to be address'd, and to wait upon them at a suitable time to receive the result of their determination; the

proceeds to be deposited with the District Deputy Grand Masters and transmitted by them to the Grand Treasurer.

That all donations made to the Charity Fund shall be recorded by the Grand Secretary in a book, to be appropriated solely for that purpose.

That the Trustees of the Charity Fund be desired to petition the Legislature for an incorporation of their Board.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Signed, JOHN SOLEY, FRANCIS J. OLIVER, SHUBAEL BELL, JOHN DIXWELL, BENJ. RUSSELL, } Committee.

After mature discussion it was, on motion, VOTED, To accept all the eleven Articles as first designated in the report. On motion, it was VOTED, also, To accept the whole report as it now stands, except that clause which recommends the payment of an additional dollar by every new Initiate. On motion, it was further VOTED, That that Article in the report which goes to the exaction of one additional dollar from any Initiate, be wholly expunged.

A very lengthy and elaborate report on the revision of the Constitution of the Masonic Jurisdiction of this Commonwealth was laid before the Grand Lodge by the chairman of the committee, who had been elected for that important purpose. After much debate, it was VOTED, That the same should be now read. This motion was, however, overruled, and a motion prevailed, that the reading of it, on account of its length, should be suspended until the unfinished business appertaining to the Charity Fund should be proceeded in and completed. The report on the Charity Fund was again resumed, and on motion, VOTED, That a nominating committee should be appointed to bring in a nomination list, from which should be elected by ballot, as the report provides, four Brethren as Trustees to the Fund. The three following Brethren were this committee, vizt: R.W. —— Moody, R.W. John Soley, R.W. Oliver Shead.

After a short retirement the committee returned and presented the following nominations, vizt: R.W. Josiah Bartlett, Esq., of Charlestown, R.W. Dr. John Warren, R.W. Thomas Dawes, Esq., R.W. and Rev. John Elliot of Boston. To these were afterwards added in the Lodge-room R.W. Matthew Cobb of Portland, R.W. Daniel Baxter of Boston.

It being conditioned in the report that the four Trustees should be chosen by ballot, a committee was appointed to collect, sort and count the votes, and the R.W. Henry Fowle, Grand Marshal; R.W. John B. Hammatt and R.W. Job Drew, Grand Deacons, were the committee.

The ballot was accordingly taken, and on counting the votes the R.W. Josiah Bartlett, P. M.; R.W. Dr. John Warren, P. M.; R.W'l and Hon'ble Thomas Dawes, Esq., and the R.W. and Reverend John Elliot were declared to be duly and constitutionally elected.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be now appointed by the M. Worshipful Benjamin Russell, Grand Master, pro tem., from the Chair, to complete that part of the report on the Charity Fund which involves, "An Address to the Legislature for Incorporation," to "the prosperous and benevolent individuals" of the Masonic family and "to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction" for the obtaining charitable donations and all other duties designated in the report. The following R.W'l Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. John Soley of Charlestown, R.W. John Abbot of [Westford], Rev'd and R.W. John Bartlett of Charlestown, Coffin of Portland, Rev'd and R.W. Ezra Ripley of Concord.

A petition from a Portuguese Brother, by the name of Antonio requesting pecuniary assistance for reasons set forth in his petition, which being read by the Grand Secretary, it was, on motion, VOTED, To commit the said petition to three, when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. John B. Hammatt, R.W. Henry Purkitt, R.W. Francis J. Oliver.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to add a copy of the report of the committee on the Charity Fund, with the names of the Four Trustees, now elected, to the Annual Communication to be prepared for A.L. 5810.

The very interesting purposes of the foregoing report, having been now completed so far as relates to the several Trustees, etc., a motion prevailed to take up the postponed business of the report of the committee on the revision of the Constitution, and at the request of the M.W. Grand Master, pro tem., the R.W. Henry Fowle, Grand Marshal, read the report to the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That the R.W'l Brethren that composed the committee, who produced the important report on the revision of the Constitution, be now discharged from farther attention to the subject, and that the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given them for their patient and arduous attention to the duties assigned them.

Also, VOTED, That a new committee be now chosen of five to take the report and the subject at large into their serious consideration, and report thereon at the adjourned meeting of Grand Lodge, the 20th of February ensuing.

A respectful communication was received from R.W'l and Reverend Bro. George Richards of Phil'a, soliciting countenance and aid in editing a Masonic Magazine, etc., and on motion, VOTED, The same should be committed to five Brethren, who shall be invested with authority to inspect the Records of the Grand Lodge at their pleasure; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to grant all the assistance in his power to encourage and promote this valuable and extensive design. The committee chosen were R.W. Brother Nathaniel Coffin, W. Jno. Dixwell, R.W. Oliver Shead, Henry Fowle and Rev'd Ezra Ripley.

The R.W. Benj. Russell, Grand Master, pro tem., was then pleased to order the Grand Lodge to be closed and to stand closed to the 20th of February next, then to assemble at this hall at 5 o'clock P. M. And also directed the Grand Secretary to advertise the same, specially noticing that the report of the committee on the revision of the Constitution of Masonry in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, would, at that time, be brought forward for consideration and acceptance.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A SPECIAL MEETING of the M.W'l, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held, by adjournment, at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the evening of the 20th of February, A.L. 5811, when the following Brethren were present, vizt:

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL, Grand Master, *pro tem.*, afterwards succeeded by R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER,	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY . . .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Rec. Grand Secretary.
R.W. EPHRAIM BINGHAM . . .	Grand Deacons, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE . .	
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Stewards.
W. BENJ. INGALLS	
W. ANDREW ROULSTONE .	
W. JOS. BATSON	
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . . .	Grand Tyler.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN DIXWELL	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

with the representatives of thirty-eight Lodges.

By direction of the M.W. Grand Master the proceedings of the Grand Lodge at their last Communication were read by the Grand Secretary.

The Chairman of the Committee on the Revision of the Laws and Constitution of Masonry in this Commonwealth, being called upon by the W'l Grand Master, pro tem., reported, that the committee had taken the subject into their serious and attentive consideration at a number of sittings, and made some progress, but had not so sufficiently matured it as to make a full report thereon.

It being suggested from the Chair, that so far as they had proceeded might be laid before the Grand Lodge, after some deliberation, it was on motion, VOTED, to accept the report of the committee as far as they had progressed, and that they have

leave to sit again, to report the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee to whom was referr'd the petition of the Portuguese Brother for pecuniary assistance, reported that the prayer of the petitioner ought not to be granted for reasons set forth in their report.

JOHN B. HAMMATT,
Chairman.

The Brethren to whom was committed the petition and communication from the Rev'd and R.W. Brother Geo. Richards, of Philadelphia, being called upon, produced the following report, vizt:

The committee on the subject of the communication of the R.W'l George Richards, beg leave to state, that it has not been in their power to attend personally to the request of Bro. Richards, but they are of opinion that the work he has undertaken is worthy of patronage and encouragement; and they accordingly recommend and report that the Corresponding Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge be directed to attend to the request made in his communication, and to furnish [him] from time to time with copies of such papers and documents in possession of the Grand Lodge, as it may be thought, by the Corresponding Grand Secretary, expedient to publish.

Signed, NATH'L COFFIN.
per order.

Boston, February 20th, 5811.

A petition was presented from a number of the old members of Portland Lodge at Portland, enclosed in a letter from R.W'l James D. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth District, praying for the restoration of their Charter, which was returned to Grand Lodge the 14th of December, A.L. 5807, and placed among their archives.

This subject occasioned various interesting observations and on motion, VOTED. That the said petition should be committed to three, when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. Jonathan Gage, R.W. Joseph Jenkins, R.W. Nath'l Coffin; and on an after motion, two Brethren were added, vizt: R.W. Shubael Bell, R.W. John Soley.

On motion, it was VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed in behalf of Grand Lodge, gratuitously to inform Ancient Landmark Lodge of this application from Portland Lodge; the statements of which were expressive of sincere desire and benevolent determination to bury in oblivion all past differences and dissensions, and to unite and harmonize with the whole Masonic family.

A letter was received and read from the Masonic Lodge at Falmouth enclosing the charter. This being considered a deviation from the vote passed respecting that Lodge, on September the 10th, 5810, it was VOTED, That the Grand Secretary be directed to write the officers and members of that Lodge, and inform them that the Grand Lodge expect and require a full and exact compliance with the conditions expressed in that vote.

N.B. The charter was deposited in the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

On motion, VOTED, That two be added to the committee to address the "Legislature of the State" to obtain donations, etc., as provided and defined in the report of the Committee on the Charity Fund, as accepted by the Grand Lodge, and that they be nominated from the Chair. The Grand Master, pro tem., Francis J. Oliver, Esq., then nominated Rev'd and R.W. Asa Eaton, Grand Chaplain and R.W. Benj. Russell, Senior Grand Warden.

The Most W'l Francis J. Oliver, Esq., Grand Master, pro tem., was then pleased to direct that this Grand Lodge be now closed and stand closed to the second Monday in March ensuing, then to meet at Masons Hall, at 5 o'clock, P. M.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, on the 11th day of March, A.L. 5811. The following Grand Officers, members, etc., etc., were present, vizt:

M.W. TIMO. BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. SAM. BRADFORD, ESQ.	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Secretary.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOS. REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE W. BENJ. INGALLS R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
W. JOSEPH BATSON W. BENJ. BURCHSTEAD	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.
R.W. & Hon. JOSIAH BARTLETT	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. SHUBAEL BELL	Past Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN BARTLETT	Corresponding Grand Secretary.

Also the representatives of the following Lodges, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrew's, Massachusetts, St. Peter's, King Solomon's, Old Colony, Morning Star, Columbian, St. Paul's, Cincinnatus, Washington, Corinthian, Hiram, Meridian, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, United, Union, Wisdom, St. Mark's, Sheffield and Ancient Landmark.

The M.W. Grand Master was pleased to declare that he had appointed Right W'l Sam'l Bradford, Esq., Deputy Grand Master for the year ensuing; and the same was proclaimed by direction of the Most Worshipful, by the R. Worshipful Henry Fowle, Esq., Grand Marshal, from the East, West and South of the Grand Lodge.

The following Brethren were admitted proxies this evening,

CHARLES PINCKNEY SUMNER for Cincinnatus Lodge.
JOHN B. HAMMATT for Union Lodge, Nantucket.

The committee chosen at the Communication in December last, to wait on the R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq. and request a copy of his Address deliver'd that evening reported, that they had attended the duty assigned them, and beg'd leave to lay the result of their commission on the Grand Secretary's table.

The following letter from R.W. Brother Bartlett was first read by the Secretary, vizt:

CHARLESTOWN, March 11, 5811.

BRETHREN:

The respectful regards of the Grand Lodge, which renewedly demand my most unfeigned acknowledgments, are not a little height'ned by the polite and affectionate attentions of the committee through whom I had the honor to receive the vote of the 17th December last.

If in compliance with the request of the Grand Lodge, I can excite their attention to the adoption of an appropriate form for such occasions it will greatly lessen the cares and anxieties of those who are required to officiate; and may be a valuable addition to the proposed Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

I am with respect, your friend and Brother,

JOSIAH BARTLETT.

R. Worshipful BENJ. RUSSELL,
ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
JAMES D. HOPKINS,

The following is the communication from the R.W. Brother Bartlett which accompanied the foregoing letter.

CEREMONY AT THE INSTALLATION

of the Honorable Timothy Bigelow, Esq., as Grand Master, the 17th of December, A.L. 5810, and respectfully submitted to the Grand Lodge, at their request, by the Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Grand Master.

1st. Grand Lodge opened in AMPLE FORM.

2d. The Grand Master and Grand Wardens-elect introduced by the Grand Marshal and a committee.

3d. Prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

[Introductory Remarks by Installing Officer.]

Once more, my respected Brethren, we are assembled at the Masonic Altar, to discharge an important, animating duty. Influenced by the principles we profess, and in compliance with the custom of the Grand Lodge, we have commenced with an appropriate address to that Allwise, Beneficient Architect, who has made the late barren wilderness to blossom as the rose; who enabled our fathers to conquer the most incredible dangers, and by their assiduity to establish and support those religious, civil and philanthropic institutions, which it is our happiness to enjoy. Among these, this honorable Society which has withstood the various assaults of its enemies, the storms of political commotion, the calamities of war, and the common ravages of nearly sixty centuries, sustains a distinguished rank; and it is peculiarly proper, on occasions like the present, to call to mind the talents and exertions of those of the American family, who cherished its feeble infancy and protected its youthful growth and sustain its vigorous manhood.

With magnanimity and zeal, they have resisted the united influence of ignorance, superstition and prejudice. Industry and perseverance have extended their labors from the limits of the metropolis to every section of our country; and their distinguished efforts have justly ranked them with the benefactors of mankind.

Encouraged by such illustrious examples we now proceed in our solemn ceremonies, and may we and our successors preserve the fair inheritance to the latest period of time.

4th. Read the Regulations of the Grand Lodge respecting the choice of Grand Officers and the record of the elections.

5th. The Grand Master-elect to be declared by the Grand Marshal, also the Grand Wardens, Treasurer and Secretary.

6th. All the Brethren salute the Grand Master and Grand Wardens-elect.

Right W'l and Hon'ble Brother Bigelow, you have been elected Grand Master of Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the ensuing year; and having signified your acceptance, and been declared Grand Master-elect, as provided by the laws of the Grand Lodge, it devolves on me, as your predecessor in office, to install you with the usual ceremonies.

7th. Administer the Declaration. This sash is worn by the respective officers as a distinguishing mark of their connection with the Grand Lodge.

I have now the honor and the pleasure to invest you with this honorable badge of your high and responsible office, which you have heretofore worn, through a Constitutional period, with no less honor to yourself than benefit to the Grand Lodge.

It must be considered as the most respectable token of esteem in the power of our Brethren to bestow, and as the best reward of long and meritorious services in the cause of Masonry.

Many of the worthiest, and some of the most dignified characters, both of ancient and modern times, have worn it with satisfaction and delight. Those of your venerable predecessors in this Commonwealth, whose eyes are now closed on all terrestrial objects, and whose ears are shut to all human eulogium, have been justly distinguished for benevolence and philanthropy. Some of them have been publicly honor'd as the most conspicuous of our statesmen and heroes. May those considerations animate you and their other survivors to a laudable imitation of their patriotism, their hospitality and their attachment to the interests of this ancient Fraternity.

This great Light from which our Institution derives its Wisdom, its Strength and its Beauty, demands from you and from every good Mason, the profoundest reverence. It will confirm your faith, strengthen your hope, encourage your charity and direct you to that magnificent Temple where all is harmony and peace.

Those instruments of operative Masonry, constructed to assist the Architect in his various designs, when respectively applied to the duties of your important office, will direct you to square your actions by the principles of candor, justice and moderation;

to keep our Brethren within the compass of Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth and to preserve that decorum on which the honor and usefulness of our Institution essentially depend.

This Book of Constitutions, published under the sanction of the Grand Lodge, comprises the labors of antiquity with the experience of later ages, and, without departing from the ancient landmarks, is happily accommodated to modern improvements in civil government and social happiness. It contains the necessary doctrines and precepts to govern with dignity and maintain the reputation of the Craft, and it will enable you to discharge the duties assigned you with fidelity and acceptance.

Permit me, M't W'l, when I place you in this venerable seat, as the representative of the Illustrious Grand Master in Israel, and cover you with this badge of Superiority, to congratulate you on being again raised from the level of equality to preside over the Lodges in this extensive Jurisdiction.

May the Supreme Architect of the Universe endow you with his choicest gifts and enable you to discharge your trust with fidelity and honor. May your feet stand on the rock of Justice, from your hands may streams of Beneficence continually issue, around your head may there be a circle made splendid by the rays of Virtue, and finally may you be transmitted from the fading honors of an earthly Lodge to scenes where love and bliss immortal reign.

And now, my respected Brethren, will you permit me, for the last time I shall have the honor to address you, to offer my most unfeigned acknowledgments for the various tokens of respect and confidence which, for a long term of time and on different occasions, I have unmeritedly experienced by the partialities of the Grand Lodge, and to congratulate you on your present animating prospects.

From the talents and fidelity of those who are now to direct the concerns of the Grand Lodge, we may now anticipate the most beneficial consequences; and from your mutual congratulations on this auspicious occasion we may adopt the appropriate language of inspiration, "Behold how good and how pleasant it is for Brethren to dwell together in unity; 'tis like the precious ointment on the head, that ran down upon the beard, even

Aaron's beard, that went down to the skirts of his garments. 'Tis like the dew of Hermon that descended upon the mountains of Zion, for there the Lord commanded a blessing, even life forever more."

8th. Blessing by the Grand Chaplain.

A letter and sundry papers accompanying it, from the R.W. Samuel Thatcher, District Deputy Grand Master of the 10th Masonic District, relative to his accounts with Grand Lodge, were presented by the Grand Secretary. On motion, VOTED, That they be committed to the three following Brethren, vizt: R.W. Henry Purkitt, R.W. Andrew Sigourney, R.W. Matthew S. Parker.

VOTED, That Right Worshipful Brother Goddard, of Ancient Landmark Lodge, be admitted to a seat in Grand Lodge for this evening.

The committee to whom was referred the Address d'l'd before Grand Lodge, by the Most W'l Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Dec., A.L. 5805, produced the following report, which was read by the Secretary and unanimously accepted, vizt:

The committee of the Grand Lodge, appointed at the last Annual Communication to consider and report on the Address deliver'd before the Grand Lodge at its Annual Communication in December, 5805, by the R.W. Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, beg leave to report,

That in the execution of the duties assigned them, they find that at the Annual Communication in December, A.L. 5805, the R.W. Brothers Harris and Whiting were appointed a committee to consider and report on said Address; but that having searched the records of the Grand Lodge from that period, they have not found the record of any report thereon; they, therefore, respectfully report, that the said Address contains information and principles highly interesting to the Craft in this Jurisdiction, and if generally diffused will effectually lend to the good of Masonry therein; and that therefore it ought to be published by the Grand Lodge: that a committee ought to be appointed to present to the said R't W'l Brother the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his Address, and request of him a copy for the press; that 200 copies of said Address be placed in the hands of the

Grand Treasurer, to be by him distributed among the officers of the Grand Lodge and the several District Deputy Grand Masters, to be by them distributed amongst the Lodges in their Districts; and that Brothers John Bartlett, Henry Fowle and Benj. Gleason be a committee to superintend the publication thereof.

The committee would further respectfully suggest, that the annual exhibit of the Proceedings of this Grand Lodge may be attached to the address. All which is respectfully submitted.

BENJAMIN RUSSELL,
Per order.

January 19th, 1811.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed to carry into effect the foregoing report and that the following Brethren (as mentioned in the report) be of this committee, vizt: Rev. Jno. Bartlett, Henry Fowle and Benj. Gleason.

A communication and petition from a number of Brethren in the town of Livermore, in the county of Oxford, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in that town, by the name of Oriental Star, was read by the Secretary and committed for decision to the following Brethren, vizt: R.W. Andrew Sigourney, R.W. Benj. Russell, R.W. John Dixwell.

The Grand Secretary represented to the Grand Lodge the delinquency of R.W. George Ulmer, Esq., late District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District, which was referred to the Committee of Accounts and Finance.

R.W. James Gardner, Esq. of Lynn, District Deputy Grand Master for the 2d Masonic District, informed the Grand Lodge, that he declined being considered a candidate for that office the year ensuing, and a vote of thanks passed the Grand Lodge for his faithful services the year past.

The committee to whom is refer'd the important concerns of the Rising States Lodge, reported progress and obtained leave to sit again, with positive instructions to complete the duty assigned them and report at the next Quarterly Communication.

R.W. Brother Goddard presented from Ancient Landmark Lodge a remonstrance against the petition of the officers and members of Portland Lodge, at the last meeting, for the restora-

tion of their charter; which was read by the Most Worshipful Master, and purport duly considered and debated.

The committee to whom was referr'd the petition from Portland Lodge, produced the following report, which was unanimously accepted, vizt:

The committee to whom was referr'd the petition from Portland Lodge, relative to a return of their charter, having fully heard the agents from Ancient Landmark Lodge and Portland Lodge, and having fully and deliberately investigated the documents presented them relative to the subject, ask leave respectfully to report as follows:

Resolved, That the charter of Portland Lodge be transmitted to the Right Worshipful, the District Deputy Grand Master for the Ninth District, to be by him presented to the Portland Lodge on an adjustment and actual payment of all dues to the Grand Lodge to the time of the deposit of their said charter; and that the Grand Lodge do hereby recommend and enjoin on the Portland and Ancient Landmark Lodges, an oblivion of all misunderstandings and a cultivation of those Masonic charities and virtues which should ever distinguish the Fraternity, and which the Grand Lodge ever hope to find pervading the Masonic family under the Jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, John Soley, Jos. Perkins, Shubael Bell, } Committee.

Attest: John Proctor, Grand Secretary.

The committee on the revision of the Constitutions of Masonry, asked leave to present their report, which was read by the Most W'l from the Chair; after reading it, it was moved by the R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Senior Grand Warden, that a sufficient number of copies of the report should be printed as to supply one to each member and officer of the Grand Lodge and one to every Lodge under the Jurisdiction, to enable them to judge of its merits and tendencies. That the printing of it should also

be under the direction of the same committee. It was farther VOTED, That Monday the 10th day of June next, at 8 o'clock in the evening, should be the time assigned for the further consideration of the aforesaid report.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in AMPLE FORM, to stand closed till the tenth day of June next.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A MEETING OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, on the evening of the 10th day of June, A.L. 5811, when the following Grand Officers were present:

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Stewards.
W. JOSEPH BATSON	
W. BENJ. INGALLS	
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler, also
R.W. ISAIAH THOMAS, ESQ.	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN DIXWELL	District Deputy Grand Masters.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	
R.W. OLIVER SHEAD	
R.W. SAMUEL THATCHER	
SHUBAEL BELL	Past Grand Warden.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: Saint John's, Massachusetts, Warren, King Solomon's, Friendship, Old Colony, Columbian, King Hiram's, Harmony, Corinthian, Saint Paul's, Montgomery, Social, Philanthropic, Meridian, Mount Lebanon, Sincerity, Wisdom, Solar, M't Carmel, Amicable, St. George's, Jordan, Fredonia, Union at Dorchester, M't Pleasant and Union at Nantucket.

The officers and members of Meridian Lodge prefer'd a petition to Grand Lodge, requesting the privilege of removing that Lodge from Watertown, in the county of Middlesex, its original place of meeting, to Needham, in the county of Norfolk. This petition was by vote committed to the R.W. Brothers Henry Purkitt, John Dixwell and Thomas Redman, who reported in favor of removal, which report was unanimously accepted.

A petition was presented by Ezra Webber and others, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the county of Hampshire, by the name of Humanity Lodge. It was on motion, VOTED, To commit the same to a committee of three, and the following R.W. Brethren were chosen, Samuel Thatcher, Isaac Adams, John Abbot, who reported that, having duly weigh'd the merits of the petition which was constitutionally recommended, it was in their opinion expedient to grant the prayer thereof, which report was accepted accordingly.

A letter of complaint from Brother J—— A—— against the proceedings of Columbian Lodge, respecting his character and conduct as a member of that Lodge, was read by the Secretary and on motion, VOTED, That the subject thereof, as far as appertains to the expulsion of said A—— from that Lodge, be committed for investigation to a committee of three to report at the next Quarterly Communication. The committee chosen were, R.W. Brothers Elijah Crane, Job Drew, Andrew Sigourney.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening:

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL for Sheffield Lodge, at Sheffield.
R.W. EDWARD HOLDEN for Rising Virtue Lodge, at Hampden.
R.W. EBENEZER INGLEE for Warren Lodge, at Machias.
R.W. JOSEPH LEE for Felicity Lodge, at Buckstown.
R.W. SAMUEL MACKAY for Friendship Lodge, at Williamstown.
R.W. AMOS WOODWARD, for Harmony Lodge, at Northfield.
R.W. JOHN BAKER for Mount Pleasant Lodge, at Granville.

Isaac Adams was admitted a proxy for Portland Lodge by substitution and appointment of Brother William Swan, Senior Warden of Portland Lodge, but for this meeting only, he being unable to attend himself.

A petition was presented [in March] from a number of Brethren, in the town of Livermore, county of Oxford, praying for a Warrant of Constitution to hold a regular Lodge in that town, by the name of Oriental Star Lodge, which was committed to the three following R.W. Brethren, vizt: Andrew Sigourney, Benj. Russell, John Dixwell, who produced the following report, which was approved and accepted, vizt:

The committee to whom was referr'd the petition of sundry Brethren, for a charter to hold a Lodge in the town of Livermore, in the county of Oxford, beg leave to report, that the prayer of said petition ought not to be granted, as the petitioners have not complied with the Constitution, which requires that every petition for the erection of a new Lodge shall be accompanied with the approbation of the two Lodges nearest to the place where said new Lodge is to be held. When the requisites of the Constitution are complied with the committee see no reasonable objection to the prayer of the petition being granted. All which is submitted.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY.
BENJ. RUSSELL.

Boston, 10th June, 1811.

The committee to whom were submitted the accounts and other concerns of the R.W. and Hon'ble Samuel Thatcher, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District, at the last Quarterly Communication, laid the following report before the Grand Lodge, vizt: The committee to whom were referred the accounts of Samuel Thatcher, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master for the 10th Masonic District, have attended to the business assigned them and find from the statement of said Thatcher, that a note given by him in the year 1806, and which by the accounts of the late Treasurer he is supposed to have paid, and said note was therefore cancelled, but the money credited therefor should have been passed to his credit as money received from the Lodges within his District, for dues to the Grand Lodge; and that the said Thatcher holds himself accountable for said note to the Grand Lodge. But he has been at considerable expense and trouble in going to Buckstown to install Felicity Lodge and visiting the Lodge at Bangor. The committee are unanimously of opinion that said Thatcher be exonerated from paying said note, and that the Secretary, upon receiving $36.40, the balance due by his account herewith rendered, be directed to give him a receipt in full of all demands to December, 1810. All which is most respectfully submitted.

Signed, HENRY PURKITT.
ANDREW SIGOURNEY.
MATTHEW S. PARKER.

R.W. Brother Benj. Russell, at his request, was excused from being on the committee to whom was refer'd the petition from Adams Lodge, and R.W. Foster Swift was chosen in his stead, to report at the next Communication. The committee are R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Oliver Shead, R.W. Foster Swift.

The committee on the petition from Saint Paul's Lodge, at Groton, ask'd and had leave to sit again.

A petition from some foreigners, praying for pecuniary aid from the Grand Lodge, to assist in the emancipation of certain persons named therein as Masons, enslaved in Algiers, was, on motion, committed to the five following Brothers, vizt: R. Wors. Henry Purkitt, John B. Hammatt, Shubael Bell, Andrew Sigourney, Benj. Russell.

8 o'clock. The hour appointed for the final consideration of the Constitution, designed for the adoption of the Grand Lodge, being announced, the same was taken up by paragraphs. In discussing its various subjects several amendments were made, and others proposed, and some objections raised as to the spirit and tendency of several of the Articles; especially to that in which the word Inspector is substituted for District Deputy Grand Master, as in the old Constitutions.

On motion, it was Voted, To choose a committee of five to take the same under consideration, and report thereon at an adjourn'd meeting of Grand Lodge, which is to be on the 13th of June instant, at Masons Hall. The following R.W. Brethren were chosen the committee, vizt: John Dixwell, Shubael Bell, Benj. Russell, Henry Purkitt.

The M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master, then directed the Grand Lodge to be closed, and to stand closed till Thursday, the 13th instant, then to assemble at Masons Hall at 6 o'clock, P. M.

Attest: John Proctor,
Grand Secretary.

June the 13th, 5811.

On this evening the Grand Lodge convened by adjournment and the following officers and members, were present, vizt:

M.W. Timothy Bigelow, Esq. . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. John B. Hammatt	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Joseph Jenkins	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. John Proctor . . .	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. Job Drew . . .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Michael Roulstone . .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Henry Fowle	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Ephraim Beaman . . .	1st Grand Steward.
W. Benj. Ingalls . .	2nd Grand Steward.
W. Joseph Batson .	3rd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. William Eaton . .	Grand Tyler.

There were also present:

R.W. Josiah Bartlett	Past Grand Master.
R.W. John Dixwell	D. D. G. M. for the 1st District.
R.W. John Abbot	D. D. G. M. for the 5th District.

with about the same number of representatives as were present on the 10th instant.

R.W. Enoch Preble was admitted proxy for Ancient Landmark Lodge, at Portland, and took his seat.

The committee to whom was referred the letter received from the Secretary of Adams Lodge, at Wellfleet, dated the 10th of January, 1810, for a relinquishment of their quarterly payments, for reasons set forth in the letter, produced the following report, which was read and accepted, vizt:

The committee to whom was refer'd the petition from Adams Lodge, at Wellfleet, ask leave to report, that the Lodge does not appear to have been convened for the purposes set forth in the petition, and that the Secretary has not signed by direction of the Lodge; and that the application does not come with that

formality which is to be expected from a regular Lodge of Free Masons, and that the Grand Secretary notify them of this report.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE.
FOSTER SWIFT.
OLIVER SHEAD.

The constitutional requisites, for the want of which the petition from Livermore, for a charter to hold a Lodge at that place, was refused the 10th instant, were now produced and it was VOTED, That the prayer of the petitioners should be granted.

The committee to whom was submitted the petition of a foreigner for the advance of money by the Grand Lodge, produced the following report, which was approved and accepted, vizt:

The committee to whom was submitted the application of a foreigner for assistance to redeem certain captives in Algiers, have attended to that duty, and ask leave to report:

That they have examined the papers and cannot find any sanction from any Grand Lodge for liberty to make such a collection; nor from any body of Masons but the Lodge at the city of Landeck, and that it is not agreeable to Masonic form and usage; and therefore recommend that the petitioner have leave to withdraw his petition.

All which is most respectfully submitted,

Signed, HENRY PURKITT,
Per order.

The following remark, annexed to the annual return made by the Republican Lodge, at Greenfield, A.L. 5810, being laid before the Grand Lodge, was order'd on the records of the Grand Lodge, vizt:

Upon the application of James C. Cromack, of Colerain, in this Commonwealth, to sit in this Lodge, a committee was chosen to examine him, who reported that Mr. Cromack had no lawful knowledge of Masonry, which report was order'd to be recorded; and he being an Impostor, it was directed he should be reported as such.

A true copy from the return.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The committee chosen the 10th instant to consider some proposed alterations in the new Constitution, and to see the Amendments correctly made which have been already approved by the Grand Lodge, beg'd leave to make the following report, vizt:

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge to take into consideration certain proposed alterations in the Constitution now under discussion, ask leave to report, that they cannot discover any important reasons to sanction the innovation in the title of District Deputy Grand Master. Departure from established custom should be at all times avoided, unless it be obvious that some important good will result from the change.

The regulations of the Grand Lodge for the appointment of these officers, under the present title, were adopted after the most mature deliberation and experience has confirmed the wisdom of the measure. The example of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts has been followed in this particular by other Grand Lodges in the Union. The increased number of the Lodges under this Jurisdiction render'd it absolutely impossible for the Grand Master to visit them so often as the good of Masonry required. The State was therefore divided into twelve Districts, and District Deputy Grand Masters appointed in the several Districts, who should discharge some of the duties of the Grand Master, in visiting the Lodges and inspecting the work, and for the further purpose of collecting the dues of the Grand Lodge. These officers have hitherto been respectable members of the Masonic family, and have generally performed the arduous duties with fidelity. The honorable title they bear commands the respect and attention of the Fraternity; excites in them a laudable ambition to deserve the respect they receive, and stimulates them to exertion in promoting the grand object of their appointment.

Your committee are apprehensive that, if you abolish this honorable title, you will degrade these officers to the station of inquisitorial Inspectors, or odious Tax-gatherers; that the respectful attention they have hitherto received will be diminished, the harmony of fraternal intercourse destroyed and the object of their Commission will be in a great measure frustrated.

Your committee are therefore of opinion, that the interest of the Fraternity will be better promoted by continuing the title of "District Deputy Grand Master," and we recommend the continuance of it.

Your committee recommend that a new Section be added to the first Chapter to read thus:

Section 16th. The title of the Grand Master is Most Worshipful; of the Past Grand Masters, Right Worshipful; and of the following officers whether Past or in office, vizt: Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Marshal, Grand Deacons and Masters of Lodges, Right Worshipful. The title of other Grand Officers shall be Worshipful.

That a Section be inserted after Section 6th, Chapter 2nd, thus:

Section 7th. The Grand Deacons are to communicate messages and to attend the Grand Master in all processions.

That Section 7th be Section 8th and that a Section be added to the Chapter. The duties of the officers to stand thus:

Section 9th. The Grand Sword Bearer is to attend the Grand Master and to assist the Grand Marshal in the discharge of his duties. The Grand Pursuivants are to guard the Inner Door of the Grand Lodge and precede all processions, under the direction of the Grand Marshal. The Grand Toiler is to guard the Outer Door.

In Chapter 3d, Section 3d dele "to office" and insert "as permanent officers."

Your committee are of opinion that Section 8, Chapter 3rd, should stand thus:

Section 8th. No commission of a proxy shall be in force longer than one year from the time of its date, nor can any Lodge be represented by a proxy when any of its officers are present in Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Per order, JOHN DIXWELL.
Chairman of Committee.

The foregoing report being read by the Grand Secretary was unanimously accepted.

On motion, VOTED, That the Constitution, as now altered and amended, be printed under the inspection of the Committee of Amendments; and that it be distributed by the W. Grand Secretary to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and to every Lodge under this Jurisdiction, soon as may be; and that it be adopted as a permanent system of government for all the Fraternity in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, from and after the Annual Communication in December next ensuing.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on the 9th day of Sept., Anno Lucis 5811, when the following Brethren were present, vizt:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER . . .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.*
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. JOB DREW .	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
W. BENJ. INGALLS	1st Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH BATSON	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. BENJ. BURCHSTEAD .	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WM. EATON	Grand Tyler, also
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING	P. G. W. and P. D. D. G. M. 5th District.
R.W. JAMES D. HOPKINS	D. D. G. M. 9th District.
R.W. JOHN DIXWELL	D. D. G. M. 1st District.
R.W. JOSEPH BAKER	D. D. G. M. 2nd District.

R.W. Thomas Jackson was admitted proxy for Federal Lodge, at Blanford, from May last year.

The following Lodges were duly represented, vizt: Washington, Fellowship, St. John's of Boston, Massachusetts, Mount Lebanon, King Solomon's, St. Andrew's, Columbian, Kennebec, Old Colony, Union at Dorchester, Jordan, Union at Nantucket, Mount Moriah, Fredonia, Essex, Amicable and Federal.

The committee to whom was referr'd all the concerns of the Rising States Lodge, beg'd leave to lay their report on the Grand Secretary's table, which, by direction of the Most W. Grand Master, was then read by the chairman.

The report was as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the late conduct of the Rising States Lodge, to trace the causes that led

to its unprecedented dissolution, and to report what means would be most advisable for the Grand Lodge to adopt on this important occasion, have attended to the duty assigned them, and respectfully submit the following, as the result of their investigation.

From an examination of the records of the Lodge, it appears that in the year 5875, their funds amounted to 3600 dollars in Loan Office Certificates; in the year 5788 to 692 dollars 98 cents Consolidated Loan Office Certificates and £1707.17 old Continental; in the year 5797 they amounted to 1779 dollars 25 cents, and from that period to the year 5803 the amount varied from 1846 dollars to 2354 dollars; from the year 5803 to 5810 it gradually decreased to 1339.80 cents, 1300 dollars of which had been vested in Union Bank Stock and was sold in Decem'r, 5810, at an advance of 17½ per cent., making an amount of 1527.50 cents. This fund, together with the proceeds of the regalia, furniture, etc., of the Lodge, was divided among the nominal members thereof. That on the question of dissolving the Lodge, the following persons are recorded as having voted: Yeas. Amos Lincoln, Paul Revere, Jun., Joseph Clark, Percival Hall, John Tuckerman, John D. Howard, Stephen Francis, David Greene, Peter Balade, Enoch Baldwin and Jno. Brazer. 11.

Nays. Ephraim Beaman, Benjamin Russell, William Whall, Jr., John Collins, Josiah Willard, Simeon Dow, Joseph Batson, Frederick Wm. Major and Joseph Allen. 9. Whole number 20.

That after the question of dissolution was decided, Bro. Jos. Batson proposed that, when the charter shall be returned to the Grand Lodge, it be accompanied by all the stock, jewels, regalia, etc.; the stock to be under the direction of the Grand Lodge for charitable purposes. On this important question five only voted in the affirmative, vizt: Benjamin Russell, William Whall, Jr., John Collins, Joseph Batson and Ephraim Beaman.

It further appears, by the official returns to the Grand Lodge, dated November 29th, 5810, that the Lodge consisted of nineteen members only; and that the list did not include the names of John Brazer, Benj. Coolidge, Enoch Baldwin, Paul Revere

and the Reverend John Murray, who in the division of the funds were considered as members and received a dividend. The three former were apparently admitted for the sole purpose of effecting the object in view, and upon the question of dissolving the Lodge. Brazer and Baldwin voted in the affirmative. Coolidge was not present.

It also appears from the records, that the following Brethren rec'd a dividend of the stock, vizt: Paul Revere, Amos Lincoln, Benj. Coolidge, Paul Revere, Jun., John Brazer, Benj. Russell, Joseph Clark, Percival Hall, John Tuckerman, Enoch Baldwin, William Whall, Jr., John Collins, Joseph Allen, Josiah Willard, Ephraim Beaman, John D. Howard, Stephen Francis, Fred'k Wm. Major, David Greene, Seth Webber, Jeremiah Gardner, Joseph Batson, Peter Balade, Simeon Dow and the Rev'd John Murray; thirteen of whom were admitted members since the year 1797, at which period the funds were greater by several hundred dollars than at the time the division of monies, to which they had not contributed a cent, was effected.

Having ascertained these facts your committee caused a special notice to be served upon every individual of the late Rising States Lodge, stating that a meeting of the committee of the Grand Lodge would be held at Masons Hall, on Monday, April 15th, 5811, to inquire into the causes which led to the late unhappy occurrences and requesting his presence at the time. In consequence of this notification there appear'd the following persons, vizt: Amos Lincoln, Percival Hall, John Collins, Jno. Tuckerman, Paul Revere, Jr., David Greene, John D. Howard, Simeon Dow, Josiah Willard, Fred'k Wm. Major, Joseph Allen, Joseph Batson and Ephraim Beaman, being thirteen of the twenty members who voted on the question of dissolving the Lodge.

The above named persons were severally questioned and examined by the committee as to the general situation of the late Rising States Lodge, for several years past, and the causes of dissatisfaction which had existed and the reasons for dissolving their union.

From this examination your committee were perfectly satisfied that discord and uneasiness had found admittance into the

Lodge sometime prior to the report of the Grand Lodge upon the petition of St. Andrew's Lodge to be received under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, which report had before been assigned, by several members of the Rising States Lodge, as the only cause of the dissolution of said Lodge. Several members testified that there were great and increasing difficulties in the Lodge for five years past, and before the question of rank was agitated. In the opinion of some, they were caused by the appointment of the Grand Lecturer; others attributed them to the disappointment of certain characters in not being elected to the first offices of the Lodge. It appear'd that during this period members were generally at variance with each other; that great opposition was made to the admission of candidates, in consequence of which there was an accession of very few members; and that applications for charity, even from members, were seldom attended to, and when relief was granted to a distressed Brother, it was with a sparing hand. One of the oldest members (Tuckerman) declared that great disunion had existed in the Lodge from the time Brother Russell left the Chair; that applications for charity were seldom allowed; that there was a general disposition not to admit new members; and that such was the state of the Lodge, he conceived it to be for the best interests of Masonry, that it should be dissolved; for the sole object of effecting which, he consented to accept the office of Junior Warden at the last election.

Your committee would here observe, to the honor of the member mentioned, that he publicly declared, that the chief reason which operated on his mind and finally determined him to exert himself to obtain a vote to return the charter of the Lodge, was a conviction that in consequence of the multiplied rejections of the claims of charity, the funds of the Lodge could in no other way be appropriated to the grand objects for which they were raised, and that to keep his conscience clear, he had sacredly reserved the position assigned him for the relief of distressed Brethren, to which noble purpose one-half of the sum received had already been applied. Acting under this impression and from these motives your committee consider this worthy member free from any intentional offence with which his coadjutors may

be justly chargeable. From the preceding state of facts, collected from the records of the Rising States Lodge and from the testimony of a majority of its members, your committee are irresistably compelled to believe, that a spirit of disorganization manifested itself in the Lodge many years since and prior to the now pretended cause of dissolution.

That the admission of St. Andrew's Lodge under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, taking rank from the date of its charter, gave some offence to the Rising States Lodge is very apparent; but why their resentments should be more particularly excited is difficult to determine unless they admit the existence of old animosities and internal dissentions; for every other Lodge except St. John's was equally superseded.

The members of Rising States Lodge must have been aware that it is a primary duty of Masons, quickly to acquiesce in the opinions of the majority and submit to some individual deprivations to promote general harmony and prosperity.

Your committee are of opinion that the principal advantage derived to society from the Masonic Institution is the encouragement and extension of its benevolent and charitable principles; and when these cease to be the governing object of its members the Institution is disrobed of its greatest ornament. Animated by this sentiment it has ever been the first and most important duty of every Lodge to establish a fund for the relief of the unfortunate. These funds are created and enlarged by various means; many individuals of the society, who have been blessed with prosperity and feel under the moral obligation to become useful members, have made considerable donations for this purpose, with the hope that they leave with their successors a disposition to apply the sacred deposit to the proper objects of charity.

It is a regulation with many Lodges to appropriate the initiatory fees to a Charity Fund. This appropriation is made on strict Masonic principles, for in the opinion of your committee, all monies received for initiations, excepting the regular sums required by the Grand Lodge exclusively, belong to this Fund, because every initiate thereby contributes to that stock from which he is entitled to relief in the day of adversity; and every

well-regulated Lodge is in duty bound to establish such quarterages and make such assessments as are adequate to its ordinary support and festive inclinations.

A Fund thus raised, and sacredly devoted, becomes the exclusive property of the poor and needy and is deposited with the several Lodges as their trustees, who, under the All-seeing Eye of God, are, with a careful and discriminating hand, to apply it to their several necessities. To divert it from this sacred and noble object, by applying it to the purposes of festivity or the aggrandizement of the Lodge, is removing the Ancient Landmarks of the Institution and destroying its usefulness. To divide it among the members of a Lodge, whenever they may think proper to dissolve their union, is making the funds an object of speculation and thereby encouraging such dissolution. It is treating the noble example of departed donors with contempt and devoting their sacred deposit to individual emolument; it is absolving those who are charitably disposed from all obligation to contribute their aid in the establishment of such funds; it is presenting to those of the rising generation the sad example of "reaping where they have not sown, and gathering where they have not strewed;" it is taking bread from the hungry; it is multiplying the tears of the widow and the fatherless.

The assuming the right to divide these funds is an alarming and dangerous innovation and must essentially undermine the foundation of the Institution which every member is obliged to support. That unless the inviolability of funds can be firmly established, it will become necessary for the Grand Lodge to adopt measures to prevent Lodges accumulating property which may excite into action the rapacious desires of designing and unprincipled men.

Impressed with the importance of these sentiments, your committee view with the most serious apprehension the conduct of the late Rising States Lodge; they consider it as an alarming precedent, tending to excite a spirit of disorganization, inducing Lodges to take offense on the slightest occasion, that they might have a plausible pretext to obtain possession of the funds. These apprehensions are equally increased from observing those measures countenanced and supported by men of respectable and in-

fluential standing in society, whom we have been in the habit of esteeming and who have held high and responsible stations in the Masonic family.

The preservation of the institutions, under the guardianship of the Grand Lodge, imperiously demands the expression of its most signal disapprobation of such conduct, and an exhibition of its fatal tendency. It appears, however, that the late members of the Rising States Lodge were actuated by very different motives in voting for a dissolution and division which took place; some to put a stop to the waste and disorder which had become apparent and thereby secure the remnant of the funds for charitable objects.

In order, therefore, to afford the members of the Rising States Lodge an opportunity of manifesting the purity of their principles and the sincerity of their actions, and to exhibit to the Fraternity that spirit of forbearance and reconciliation which has ever characterized the conduct of the Grand Lodge, your committee recommend that they be allowed until the next Quarterly Communication to show that the dividend, which they received of the funds of said Lodge, has been bestowed on individual objects of charity; and that such part of said dividend which has not been thus bestowed should in the interim be paid over to the Grand Treasurer, to be deposited in the Grand Charity Fund; or they should exhibit testimonials of their having devoted it to the Charity Fund of some Lodge under the Jurisdiction.

Your committee further recommend that the Grand Lodge make the tenor of this report known to the late members of the Rising States Lodge, and appoint a committee to receive communications from them, witness the fulfillment of the recommendations herein contained, and report at the next Quarterly Communication.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, JOHN SOLEY, SHUBAEL BELL, FRANCIS J. OLIVER, JOHN DIXWELL, TIMOTHY WHITING, } Committee.

Right W'l Brother Whiting, from his remote residence, was unable to meet the committee, but has expressed his full approbation of the report of the committee in Grand Lodge and authorized them to affix his name.

The foregoing report was unanimously accepted, and, on motion, VOTED, That the report of the committee on the concerns of Rising States Lodge, which has now been read and accepted, be printed under the superintendence of the same committee and distributed to the several members of Rising States Lodge, and to all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction; that the same committee be empowered to communicate with the members of Rising States Lodge and generally to fulfill and complete the purport of the said report.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

The committee on the concerns of J—— A—— being called upon to report, ask'd leave to sit again, which for reasons assigned was granted.

The committee appointed by Grand Lodge the 30th January last, to prepare an address to such individuals within its Jurisdiction as were in a state of prosperity, for liberal subscriptions to the Charity Fund and other purposes as defined and recommended in the system of government for that fund were, by request of their chairman and for reasons adduced by him, discharged from their commission.

On motion, VOTED, That a new committee be now raised by nomination from the Chair for the important purposes aforesaid, when the following R.W. Brethren were appointed, vizt: Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master; Timothy Whiting, Past Grand Warden and Past District Deputy Grand Master of the 5th District; Benj. Russell, Junior Grand Warden; Rev'd Asa Eaton, Grand Chaplain and Rev'd Thad's M. Harris, Past Grand Chaplain and Past Corresponding Grand Secretary.

On application to R.W. Brother Bartlett, he declined acceptance, and the R.W. Sam'l Bradford, Deputy Grand Master, was chosen in his stead.

The Grand Secretary presented an account from Russell and Cutler, printers, for the charge of printing an Address d'l'd before Pentucket Lodge at the time of their Installation by the R.W. Timothy Whiting; and it was the opinion of the Grand Lodge, that it ought not to be attended to by them. It was also the private opinion of Brother Whiting, then personally present, who, himself, disavowed the proceeding; and the subject was accordingly dismissed.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the Grand Stewards the amount of a collar purchased for the use of the District Deputy Grand Master of the First Masonic District.

On the petition from St. Paul's Lodge, at Groton, VOTED, That the officers and members of that Lodge have permission to act respecting the subject of it as they shall see fit, and that the Grand Secretary write them to this purport.

Brother James Vila, of late Rising States Lodge, presented a petition for an allowance of fifty dollars, said to be due him for a festival prepared by him some time past. On motion, VOTED, That his demand and the circumstances respecting its origin be committed to three for investigation, when the following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W. John B. Hammatt, R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. Michael Roulstone.

A petition was presented from the officers and members of Fellowship Lodge, at Bridgewater, which was read and committed to the three following R. Worshipful Brethren, vizt: Bro's Foster Swift, Benjamin Russell, Samuel Thaxter.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed till the second Monday in December next.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on the evening of the 9th of December, A.L. 5811. The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present,—

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER . .	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
W. JOHN PROCTOR . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN BARTLETT .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOS. REDMAN . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW . . .	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN . .	Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE .	2nd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. JOSEPH BATSON . .	3rd Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
W. BENJ. BURCHSTEAD .	4th Grand Steward, *pro tem.*
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	Grand Tyler.

with the following Past Grand Officers, vizt:

R.W. & Hon. JOSIAH BARTLETT . .	Past Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Past Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN DIXWELL . .	D. D. G. M. 1st Masonic District.
R.W. JOHN BAKER . .	D. D. G. M. 2nd Masonic District.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT . .	D. D. G. M. 5th Masonic District.
R.W. & Rev. JAMES THOMPSON . .	D. D. G. M. 6th Masonic District.
R.W. JOHN BROCK . . .	D. D. G. M. 12th Masonic Dist.
R.W. TIMOTHY WHITING .	P. D. D. G. M. and Past G'd W'n.
R.W. JOHN BOYLE . . .	P. D. D. G. M. and Past G'd W'n.

The following Lodges were also duly represented, vizt: St. John's of Boston, St. Andrew's, Portland, Massachusetts, Trinity, St. Paul's, King Solomon's, Essex, Old Colony, Federal, Columbian, Washington, Union of Dorchester, Bristol, Corinthian, Montgomery, Meridian, Mount Zion, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, Rural, Union of Nantucket, Constellation, Harris, Wisdom, St. Mark's, Oxford, Mount Pleasant, Jordan and Fredonia.

The following Brethren were admitted proxies this evening:

R.W. Joab Hunt for Oxford Lodge, at Paris.
R.W. Samuel Thaxter for Old Colony Lodge, at Hingham.

The committee on the concerns of the late Rising States Lodge were called upon to make report of their doings and had further time granted to complete the object contemplated in their commission.

R.W. Andrew Sigourney, one of the committee on the concerns of Brother J—— A——, informed Grand Lodge that they had formed a report thereon, but it was in the hands of their chairman, R.W. Bro. Crane, who being absent, the subject of their commission was necessarily postponed.

The committee to whom was referred the important duty of preparing an Address to the prosperous individuals of the Fraternity for obtaining subscriptions to the Charity Fund, etc., were called upon to report. R.W. Benj. Russell, one of that committee, wish'd it might be delay'd till R.W. and Rev'd Bro. Harris and other members should be present, and leave was granted accordingly.

The committee elected to decide on the subject of Bro. James Vila's petition for a grant of fifty dollars for past supplies made by him at a festival, laid the following report on the Grand Secretary's table, which report was unanimously accepted, vizt:

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge at their last Communication upon the petition of Bro. James Vila, respectfully report, that they have duly attended the duty assigned them and say the petition was pen'd thro' ignorance. The subject thereof does not concern the Grand Lodge but is a matter between the petitioner and another member of the Masonic family, who have agreed to settle the same between themselves.

Signed, JOHN B. HAMMATT.
HENRY FOWLE.
MICHAEL ROULSTONE.

The Committee of Accounts and Finance were called upon to make their annual report, and produced the following which was read by their chairman, R.W. Bro. Benj. Russell; and on motion,

it was VOTED, That the report be accepted. The following is a copy of the same.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS:

The Committee of Finance and Accounts, having examined the returns of the District Deputy Grand Masters made since the last report in December, 1810, and also the books and vouchers of the Grand Secretary and the accounts and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, report:

That the R.W. Brother Whiting of the 5th District has paid to the Grand Secretary.....		$106 00
Of which has been allowed for expenses.....	$31 50	
That Bro. J. Gardner, of the 2nd District has paid		148 00
Of which has been allowed for his expenses...	41 94	
That R.W. John Brock, 12th District, has paid		24 00
The R.W. Jno. D. Hopkins, 9th District, has paid a balance of		68 25
That R.W. Brother Walker, 8th District, has paid		102 00
Of which has been allowed for expenses	35 60	
That R.W. S. Thatcher, 10th District, has paid		36 40
That R.W. Bro. J. Phelps, 7th District, has paid		124 00
Of which has been allowed for expenses.....	41 00	
That Humanity Lodge has paid for a Charter.		71 00
	$150 04	$679 65
From which deduct for expenses allowed		150 04
That the balance paid to the Grand Treasurer is....		$529 61

For which sums the Grand Secretary has the receipts of the Grand Treasurer.

That the Grand Treasurer had in his hands, independent of the permanent funds of the Grand Lodge, at the last settlement of his accounts,

A balance of	$963 17
That he has duly credited the Grand Lodge with the sum of	529 61
And with interest on Grand Lodge Stock, amounting to	120 00
Making a total of	$1,612 78

That the Grand Treasurer, as by an acco't current, herewith reported, has paid the past year on bills, which have passed the Committee of Finance and Accounts, and which have been duly receipted, the sum of $1,144 85

And that the balance now in the Treasury is $467 93

The Grand Lodge will perceive that the current expenses of the year have exceeded the receipts some hundreds of dollars, but the excess of the expenditures has arisen from causes which probably will not again occur for some years. More than 120 dollars have been expended on the improvements of this hall and the repairs of the furniture, etc., of the Grand Lodge; upwards of 100 dollars have been expended in printing the new Constitution, the reports thereon, the report on the important subject of the Rising States Lodge and Grand Master Thomas' Address.

The expenses of refreshment and the allowance to the Grand Secretary have exceeded the ordinary expenses of the year. The committee deem it their duty to state these facts that the attention of the Grand Lodge may be drawn to the subject and an inquiry made whether these expenses cannot be lessened.

During the course of the year the committee (the majority of whom belong to a special committee on the subject) have directed the Grand Secretary to make in their name, pressing demands on the delinquent District Deputy Grand Masters for the dues of the Grand Lodge; and the Grand Secretary has executed his duty with zeal and ability; but though he has received many promises of attention, the committee have not had the pleasure of finding the performances of any of them. The District Deputy Grand Masters of the 4th, 6th and 11th Districts still remaining, at the date of this report, delinquent.

The committee have likewise examined the diplomas' account of the Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and find them to have been correctly kept, and that the Grand Secretary has now on hand 196 diplomas to be accounted for. The subject of the distribution of diplomas, the committee are of opinion, requires some new regulations.

The records of the Grand Lodge have been kept by the Grand Secretary in a fair hand and have exceeded sixty folio pages, which, by a vote of the Grand Lodge, are to be duplicated.

The books and accounts of the Grand Treasurer are kept and stated in a most correct and able manner.

The committee are of opinion that the Grand Secretary is entitled to the same salary this year which was voted the last.

All which is submitted.

Signed, BENJAMIN RUSSELL,
Chairman of the Committee.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of three be now appointed to determine if any, and if any what part, of the ordinary expenses of the M.W. Grand Lodge can be retrenched in compliance with the recommendation of the Committee of Finance and Accounts.

The three following Brethren composed the committee, vizt: R.W'l Ephraim Beaman, R.W'l Henry Fowle, R.W'l Andrew Roulstone.

A petition was presented from all the officers and a great majority of the members of Bristol Lodge, at Norton, praying permission, for reasons designated in their petition, to remove that Lodge to the town of Attleboro', East Parish, to hold their meetings there in future. After due deliberation, it was on motion, VOTED, To grant the prayer of the petition. This petition was also supported and recommended by the R.W. James Ellis, District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District, to which that Lodge is annexed.

The committee appointed to effect the transcription of the records of the Grand Lodge were called upon to report, but their chairman, R.W. Shubael Bell, being absent, and holding that report, it was necessarily postponed.

A communication was received from R.W. James Ellis, Esq., District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District, declining being again a candidate for that office and assigning reasons for neglect of duty and payment of dues; but no decision was taken thereon.

The following vote and remonstrance from the R.W. Harris Lodge, at Athol, was presented by the Rev'd and R.W. James

Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master for the 6th Masonic District, and read by the Grand Secretary, vizt:

To the M.W. Grand Master, Grand Officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

The following communication and petition from the officers and members of Harris Lodge is respectfully submitted:

In Harris Lodge, October 31st, A.L. 5811.

A committee chosen for the purpose at a preceding meeting reported, that it is expedient to remove this Lodge, for the greater convenience and accommodation of the members. Report unanimously accepted.

On motion, Voted, unanimously, That if leave can be obtained of the Grand Lodge, for which purpose application shall be respectfully made to them at their next Quarterly Communication in December, this Lodge shall be removed from the town of Athol to the town of Gerry; where our future meetings shall be holden at the hall of Brother Elijah Gould. Please to accept assurances from the unanimous opinion of the members of this Lodge that such removal will be for the advancement of the Masonic interest in this vicinity. The Grand Lodge are respectfully requested to take the above statement into their wise consideration and, if they see cause, grant the dispensation therein contemplated.

With true Masonic sensibility and with every sentiment of filial respect and love, we subscribe, in behalf of the officers and members of Harris Lodge.

Ezekiel Bascomb,
Secretary.

On motion, Voted, That the foregoing petition from the Harris Lodge be granted, and that the Grand Secretary notify them of the same and supply a written commission till their charter is forwarded for endorsement.

A communication was received from the R't Worshipful Olive Branch Lodge at Oxford, dated 20th November, A.D. 1811, of which the following is a copy, vizt:

That whereas the conduct of Bro. J—— A—— has become extremely reprehensible, in that he has disavowed his obligation as a Mason and having trespassed on the principles of our ancient Institution in threatening to disclose, and, in some measure, actually disclosing the landmarks of the same; and having, furthermore, treated contemptuously the summons of this Lodge, that he, the said J—— A——, be expelled from this Lodge and from all the rights and privileges of Masonry in this Lodge.

Voted, That a copy of this vote be transmitted by the District Deputy Grand Master to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and that they be respectfully requested to make such communications thereof to other Grand Lodges, as they in their wisdom shall deem expedient.

Signed, Jon'a Davis,
Secretary.

The foregoing communication was seriously considered by the Grand Lodge and on motion, Voted, That this Grand Lodge sanction the proceedings of Olive Branch Lodge in expelling J—— A——, and that the said A—— be prohibited admission into any Lodge under this Jurisdiction; and that this information be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to all our sister Grand Lodges, requesting them to adopt the same procedure and specially to the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge in the State of Vermont, without delay.

The following inventory of the regalia of the M.W. Grand Lodge, on hand the 9th December, A.L. 5811, was presented by the Grand Stewards, vizt:

Great Light, Square and Compasses, 1 Mallet.
4 Truncheons for Grand Wardens.
1 Old Square and Compasses.
1 Book of Constitutions.
Grand Marshal's Sash and Truncheon.
Sword Bearer's Sword and Belt, Tyler's Sword.
19 Jewels and Collars.
5 Past Grand Masters' Jewels.
19 Sashes and 19 Aprons.
3 Large Candlesticks.

1 Three-square Beaver Hat.
6 Doz. Wine Glasses.
15 Wine Bottles.
1 Doz. Tumblers.
4 Large Pitchers.
6 Doz. Knives and Forks.
12 Small Pitchers.
1 Demijohn.
1 Tin Candlebox.
2 Trunks.
1 Doz. Large Plates.
13 Leathern Aprons.
12 Small Candlesticks.
6 Wands. 6 Plates.

Signed, MICHAEL ROULSTONE, EPHRAIM BEAMAN, ANDREW ROULSTONE, BENJAMIN INGALLS, } Grand Stewards.

The committee to whom was submitted the petition and representation of the state of Fellowship Lodge, at Bridgewater, produced a lengthy and important report, which being read was unanimously accepted, vizt:

The committee appointed to take the foregoing petition into consideration, ask leave to report, That, in their opinion, the vote of paying the expenses of their meetings out of the fees received for initiations, there being no money in the treasury, carries with it marks of procedure repugnant to Masonry as well as being subversive of the first principles of the Institution,—which, among other considerations, is to accumulate a fund for the assistance of poor and penniless Brethren, their widows and orphans.

The conduct connected with this vote, after paying the charges of the meeting, of dividing the funds among the Brethren present, merits in their opinion, pointed censure.

To alleviate their departure from Masonic principles, the committee are happy that a number of indigent Brethren received

any assistance. Taking notes for initiating ought to be discountenanced; it is giving credit, perhaps, where it ought not to be given.

As Masonic institutions are not corporate bodies, no one is legally authorized to prosecute. Independent of that, how would an action of that kind strike the unprejudiced mind? The committee regret that from December, 5801, to March, 5809, there was no meeting; they regret this more when they reflect on the character of those who first took the charge of Fellowship Lodge.

Your committee are not able to give an opinion upon that part of the petition which says: "That from 5801 to 5809 but eight Brethren were initiated, the Lodge having been removed three times since its consecration, by which considerable expense has accrued. But inasmuch as the petition to the Grand Lodge comes in a respectful manner your committee are of opinion, that it is the official duty of the District Deputy Grand Master to give an opinion relative to the propriety of an abatement of their quarterages due to the Grand Lodge.

Signed, FOSTER SWIFT, BENJ. RUSSELL, } Committee.

November 30th, 5811.

The hour of eight had now arrived, the time appointed by the Constitution to commence the choice of Grand Officers for the year ensuing. After considerable debate on the design and meaning of the words "from and after" inserted in the vote of the Grand Lodge attach'd to the new Constitution, as adopted, it was unanimously VOTED, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, That it commence its operations this evening, and that the elections take place accordingly.

The following R.W. Brethren were chosen a committee to collect, sort and count the votes for the several Grand Officers now to be elected by ballot for the ensuing year, vizt: Henry Purkitt, Henry Fowle, Samuel Thaxter, Thomas Redman, Dudley A. Tyng.

The ballot was then taken for a Grand Master to fill the Chair of Solomon for the year A.L. 5812, and on counting the votes it

appear'd the Most Worshipful and Honorable Timothy Bigelow, Esq., was re-elected to that distinguished and highly important station.

R.W. Francis J. Oliver was re-elected Grand Senior Warden, R.W. Benj. Russell re-elected Grand Junior Warden, R.W. Andrew Sigourney re-elected Grand Treasurer, R.W. John Soley elected Grand Recording Secretary, vice our Worshipful Brother John Proctor, who not being a Past Master became disqualified, agreeably to the newly adopted Constitution.

A petition was presented from the officers and members of R.W. St. John's Lodge, of Newburyport, for certain privileges, as set forth in their petition. On motion, VOTED, That the same be committed to three. The following Brethren were chosen, vizt: R.W'l Benj. Russell, R.W'l Sam'l Thaxter, R.W'l Benj. Gleason.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be now chosen to wait on the M.W. Timo. Bigelow, Esq., Grand Master-elect, and the other Grand Officers now chosen, and introduce them into the Grand Lodge at their adjourned meeting, which is to be, agreeably to the new Constitutions, on St. John's day evening, the 27th inst., at Masons Hall. The following R.W'l Brethren were chosen accordingly, R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, R.W. John Dixwell, R.W. John Boyle, R.W. Henry Purkitt, R.W. Henry Fowle.

Letters and special communications have been received by this Grand Lodge during the year past from our sister Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Nova Scotia, Canada, South Carolina, North Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont.

The subject of communication from North Carolina and Tennessee, read at this annual meeting, was conceived by the presiding Grand Master as being essentially interesting to the Craft, and requiring immediate and prompt attention of the Grand Lodge. After considerable comment, it was on motion, VOTED, That the M.W. Grand Master should appoint, without delay, one delegate to meet at a convention designed to be held at the City of Washington on the Wednesday in January next, invested with full power to act in behalf of this Grand Lodge,

agreeably to the true spirit and meaning of a report of a committee on the subjects contemplated, as presented to the Grand Lodge at their adjourned meeting on the 17th December, A.L. 5810.

On motion, VOTED, That R.W. Henry Fowle, Grand Marshal, with the four Grand Stewards, be a committee to prepare Masons Hall, and to make suitable arrangements for refreshments at the adjourned meeting of the Grand Lodge to be held the 27th inst.

The R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Esq., Grand Master, pro tem., was pleased to order that the Grand Lodge should then be closed till the 27th inst., being St. John's day evening, at 5 o'clock, then to meet at Masons Hall for the installment of the Grand Officers elected and appointed for the year 5812, and for other Masonic purposes.

Attest: JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Secretary.

THE M.W'L GRAND LODGE convened according to adjournment at Masons Hall, Boston, December, A.L. 5811, on St. John's day night, for the installment of the Grand Officers elected and appointed for the year 5812.

PRESENT.

M.W. & Hon.	TIMO. BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W.	FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Senior Warden.
"	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Junior Warden.
"	ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
W.	JOHN PROCTOR	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W.	THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W.	JOHN B. HAMMATT	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W.	MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Junior Deacon.
W.	ANDREW ROULSTONE	1st Grand Steward.
R.W.	EPHRAIM BEAMAN	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W.	JOSEPH BATSON	3rd Grand Steward.
Bro.	WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with a number of Past Grand Officers, Masters and Wardens and proxies of Lodges under the Jurisdiction.

The W. Grand Secretary, by direction of the M.W. Master, read the proceedings of the Annual Communication.

The M't Worshipful was pleased to propose that a Committee of Finance for the year should be chosen, and on motion, VOTED, That the said committee should be nominated from the Chair, and the following Brethren were appointed accordingly, vizt: R.W. Henry Fowle, R.W. John Dixwell, R.W. John B. Hammatt.

The M.W. Grand Master read from the Chair a respectful communication from R.W. Sam'l Bradford, Esq., late Deputy Grand Master, declining to be again considered a candidate for that office. Order'd on file.

The committee appointed to effect the transcript of the Grand Lodge records for the two years past, ending in September last, were called upon to report their proceedings and produced the following, which was unanimously accepted.

REPORT OF THE TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDS, vizt:

The committee to whom was delegated the charge of examining the Grand Secretary's transcript records of the Proceedings of the Grand Lodge for the two years last past, and to report the sum to be paid him for that particular service, ask leave to report, That they have duly attended to the duty required by the appointment; that they find the records critically transcribed; that the copy, as well as the original, reflects honor on the talents and industry of the Grand Secretary, who for his services for the last two years is justly entitled to the fraternal consideration of the Grand Lodge, and for the transcript he receive the sum of forty dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, SHUBAEL BELL, JOHN DIXWELL, JOHN SOLEY, } Committee.

Antecedent to the special business of installation the M.W. Grand Master was pleased to declare, for several incidental and cogent reasons which he then explained, that he should dispense with the usual forms and ceremonies of installing the respective Grand Officers, who were re-elected for the ensuing year, and should proceed to install those only who were newly elected and should be constitutionally appointed.

The Grand Master then proceeded to appoint and re-appoint the following Brethren to be Grand Officers of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge for the year ensuing, vizt:

Rev. & R.W. THADDEUS M. HARRIS, of Dorchester, to be Deputy Grand Master	appointed.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE . .	re-appointed Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN .	re-appointed G'nd Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	re-appointed G'nd Senior Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	re-appointed G'nd Junior Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE .	re-appointed 1st Grand Steward.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN . .	re-appointed 2nd Grand Steward.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE .	re-appointed 3rd Grand Steward.
R.W. JESSE GOODNOW .	re-appointed 4th Grand Steward.
R.W. THOMAS CREHORE .	appointed 1st G'd Pursuivant.
R.W. DANIEL WITHINGTON .	appointed 2nd G'd Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	re-appointed Grand Tyler.

The M.W'l then proceeded to invest and to give the solemn charge annexed to the office of the Grand Secretary-elect, the R.W. John Soley, Esq., and administered the obligation due from him prior to his entering on the duties of his office.

R.W. Brother Thomas Crehore, appointed 1st Grand Pursuivant, and R.W. Daniel Withington, 2nd Grand Pursuivant, being absent, the Most W'l was pleased to accept the substitution of the following Brethren, vizt: Brother James Lewis proxy for Bro. Thomas Crehore and Brother Wm. F. Brazer for Bro. D. Withington, who were duly and constitutionally installed and consented to the solemn obligations attach'd to their particular offices.

The following R.W. Brethren were chosen to wait upon Brother John Proctor, our late Grand Recording Secretary, to receive from him all records, books and papers belonging to the Grand Lodge, and to deposit them with the newly elected Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, as they respectively appertain to their several departments, and to report thereon the next meeting.

The committee on the petition from St. John's Lodge, at Newburyport, presented the 9th instant, made the following report, vizt: The committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was refer'd the letter from the R.W'l Master of St. John's Lodge, in Newburyport, representing the reduced situation of that Lodge and requesting that in consideration of the sufferings of a large number of the members thereof, by the great fire in that town, the dues of said Lodge to the Grand Lodge may be remitted; and further, for reasons set forth in the letter, that the said Lodge may be allowed by dispensation to work at Bellville in Newbury or Newburyport, alternately, report: That in the opinion of the committee the dues of said Lodge to the 1st day of December inst., ought to be remitted, and that it is the opinion of the committee that the application for permission to work at Bellville or Newburyport ought not to be granted.

Which is respectfully submitted.

Signed, BENJ. RUSSELL, BENJ. GLEASON, } Committee.

On motion, VOTED, unanimously, That the thanks of this M't W'l Grand Lodge be render'd to our W. Brother John Proctor for the fidelity, zeal and accuracy manifested by him in the discharge of his official duties as Grand Secretary during the past eleven years; and that a seat, in future, be assigned him in this Grand Lodge, as a testimonial thereof.

N.B. Brother Proctor, not being a Past Master, as is required by the new Constitution, was not eligible to the re-election of Grand Secretary.

CONSTITUTION

of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, adopted Anno Lucis 5811.

CHAPTER I.

Section 1. The style of this Grand Lodge shall be, "The Grand Lodge of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

Section 2. Its powers and prerogatives are independent; they extend to the Regulations and concerns of Masonry in the Lodges under its Jurisdiction; to the issuing of charters and dispensations, and to the revocation of the same for un-Masonic conduct or neglect of duties to the Grand Lodge.

Section 3. The Grand Lodge is composed of a Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Senior and Grand Junior Wardens, Past Grand Masters, Past Deputy Grand Masters, Past Grand Wardens, a Grand Treasurer, two Grand Secretaries, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Marshal, Grand Chaplains, Grand Senior Deacon, Grand Junior Deacon, four Grand Stewards, Grand Sword Bearer, two Grand Pursuivants, the Masters and Wardens of Lodges under the Jurisdiction, proxies of Lodges and the Grand Tyler; all these have a right to vote in the Grand Lodge except the Grand Tyler.

Section 4. All Present and Past Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Wardens, and none others, shall be Permanent Members of the Grand Lodge.

Section 5. Those composing the Grand Lodge shall take rank in the Grand Lodge and in grand processions agreeably to the above order.

Section 6. The Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and Grand Recording Secretary shall be chosen by ballot. Two-thirds of the votes collected shall be necessary to make a choice of a Grand Master, and Grand Wardens, and a majority for the two other officers.

Section 7. The choice shall be made on the second Monday in December annually, to commence at 8 o'clock P. M. They shall be installed on the ensuing anniversary of St. John the Evangelist; and when that Festival happens on a Sunday, the installation shall be on the next day.

Section 8. After the installation of the Grand Master, he shall install the Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer and the Grand Recording Secretary; appoint and install the other officers necessary to the due organization of the Grand Lodge, and appoint the District Deputy Grand Masters; shall issue commissions under the Grand Seal to the Deputy Grand Master, District Deputy Grand Masters and Grand Marshal. Absent officers may be installed by suitable proxies.

Section 9. All the Grand Officers, previous to their installation, shall make the following declaration: I solemnly swear, upon the honor of a Mason, that in the office of —— —— ——, I will, according to the best of my abilities, strictly comply with all the Laws and Regulations of this Grand Lodge and all other ancient Masonic usages.

Section 10. All Grand Officers, elected or appointed, shall be proclaimed by the Grand Marshal, and shall retain their stations until their successors are installed.

Section 11. The Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Treasurer, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Corresponding Secretary, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Marshal and Grand Deacons, to be eligible to their offices, shall have passed the Chair of a regular Lodge. They shall not (the Grand Marshal and Grand Deacons excepted) be Master, Warden or proxy of any subordinate Lodge, and no Brother shall be appointed to any other office in the Grand

Lodge (except to the office of Grand Chaplain and Tyler), unless he be a Present or Past Master of a regular Lodge.

Section 12. The Grand Master and Grand Wardens shall not be eligible more than three years, successively.

Section 13. When the Grand Master, Deputy Grand Master and Grand Wardens are absent the oldest and highest Past Grand Officer present shall preside at the meetings of the Grand Lodge. When the Grand Wardens are absent their stations shall be taken by the Grand Deacons; and the stations of the Grand Deacons by the Stewards.

In the absence of the Grand Master the presiding officer, unless he be a Past Grand Master, shall wear the jewel of the Deputy Grand Master; but the other officers shall wear the jewels of the offices they fill.

Section 14. Petitioners, and others of the Fraternity, may be admitted as visitors by permission of the Grand Master, and in his absence by a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 15. The Regular Communications of the Grand Lodge shall be annually held in the town of Boston, on the second Monday of December, March, June and September, and at such other times and places as the Grand Lodge, or the Grand Master, shall direct.

Section 16. The title of the Grand Master is "Most Worshipful;" Past Grand Officers, "Right Worshipful," and the following officers, whether Past or in office, vizt: Deputy Grand Master, Grand Wardens, Grand Recording Secretary, Grand Treasurer, Grand Corresponding Secretary, District Deputy Grand Masters, Grand Marshal, Grand Deacons and Masters of Lodges "Right Worshipful." The title of other Grand Officers shall be "Worshipful."

Chapter II.

The Powers and Duties of the Grand Officers.

Section 1. The Grand Master enjoys all powers and prerogatives agreeably to the Ancient Constitutions, the usages and landmarks of Masonry. The Deputy Grand Master enjoys those powers, as far as they relate to the presiding over the Grand Lodge, in the absence of the Grand Master; he has the power to

grant dispensations for initiates. The functions of Deputy Grand Master cease with those of the Grand Master. The Grand Senior Warden exercises the functions of the Chair on the decease or resignation of the Grand Master. The Wardens assist the Grand Master in opening and closing the Lodge, in the despatch of business and the preservation of order.

Section 2. The Grand Treasurer shall have the care and management of all the funds of the Grand Lodge. He shall receive all monies from the District Deputy Grand Masters; shall pay all bills passed by the Committee of Finance and Accounts, and such sums as the Trustees of the Charity Fund shall direct; shall have in his care the regalia, not entrusted to the Grand Senior Steward, all charters, records, seals and regalia returned to the Grand Lodge and all charters and dispensations for constituting new Lodges; he shall receipt on all charters and dispensations, for the sum received therefor; shall keep an accurate account of all money by him received and paid; and shall, annually, render an account thereof, with a schedule of the funds of the Lodge, to the Committee of Finance; shall deliver to his successor in office the funds and all the property of the Grand Lodge entrusted to his care, taking duplicate receipts for the same, one of which receipts he shall deposit with the Grand Recording Secretary.

Section 3. The Grand Recording Secretary shall give seasonable notice in a public newspaper of all Communications of the Grand Lodge and shall give notice to all the officers and permanent members thereof by letter; he shall make a correct record of all the transactions of the Grand Lodge; receive petitions, applications and appeals, and lay them before the Grand Master; shall fill and attest and put the Grand Seal to all warrants, charters, commissions and certificates by order of the Grand Master; shall keep a list of all the Lodges under the Jurisdiction according to seniority, and call the same at every Communication; shall present the chairman of every committee with a copy of the vote of his appointment and shall attend all committees with such documents as are in his possession when required; record all reports of committees which may be accepted by the Grand Lodge; shall, annually, in the month of January forward

to each member of the Grand Lodge one, and to each District Deputy Grand Master such number of copies of the Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which have been passed the preceding year, as shall be directed by the Grand Master, and such other transactions of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary for the information and regulation of the subordinate Lodges; in which shall be included a correct list of the officers of the Grand Lodge and District Deputy Grand Masters for the year ensuing; he shall make a transcript of the records in the month of September, annually, immediately after the Communication of the Grand Lodge.

Section 4. The Grand Corresponding Secretary shall receive and answer, under the direction of the Grand Master, all foreign communications made to the Grand Lodge; shall communicate with such other Masonic Body as the Grand Lodge or Grand Master may direct and make a correct record of the same; and, when present, shall read all communications to the Grand Lodge.

Section 5. The Grand Marshal shall direct the organization of the Grand Lodge before it is opened; collect from the members and petitioners in the Grand Lodge all communications and place them before the Grand Master; shall introduce visitors; shall direct the formation of processions; regulate all festivals and refreshments; shall communicate or execute all commands of the Grand Master, not otherwise provided for.

Section 6. The District Deputy Grand Masters shall visit their Lodges in their respective Districts and inspect their By-Laws, records and work, once a year, at least, and before the last week in November; but if they deem it for the interest of Masonry, they may delegate their duties to some suitable Brother in distant Lodges. They shall have power to grant dispensations for initiations, shall communicate to the Lodges all Edicts and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, and furnish them with all such diplomas as they may be entitled to; shall receive and receipt for all dues to the Grand Lodge; receive the returns of their Lodges and make their remarks thereon; shall attend annually in Grand Lodge, and pay to the Grand Treasurer all money in their hands, or transmit the returns and money to the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first Monday in December

and take duplicate receipts therefor, one of which shall be deposited with the Grand Recording Secretary; they shall receive a remuneration of their expenses in visiting the Lodges, but shall present their accounts to the Committee of Finance for allowance.

Section 7. The Grand Deacons are to communicate messages and to attend the Grand Master in all processions.

Section 8. The Grand Senior Steward shall have in his charge all the jewels, clothing and furniture of the Grand Lodge, and at the Annual Communication and previous to the choice of officers, he shall render an accurate inventory of everything committed to his care; shall deliver the same to his successor in office, taking duplicate receipts therefor, one of which receipts he shall deposit with the Grand Treasurer. He shall, with the assistance of his Brother Stewards, properly distribute the jewels and clothing, and collect the same at the closing of the Lodge, and shall, under the direction of the Grand Marshal, provide suitable refreshment for the Grand Lodge at every Communication.

Section 9. The Grand Sword Bearer is to attend the Grand Master and assist the Grand Marshal in the discharge of his duties.

The Grand Pursuivants are to guard the inner door of the Lodge and precede all processions under the direction of the Grand Marshal.

The Grand Tyler is to guard the outer door.

Chapter III.

Of Subordinate Lodges.

Section 1. All the Lodges under this Jurisdiction have a right to convene as Free and Accepted Masons; to receive and enter Apprentices, pass Fellow Crafts and raise Master Masons, and assess fees therefor; to choose officers annually; establish funds for charitable purposes and transact all matters appertaining to Masonry, agreeably to their charters, the laws of the Grand Lodge and the ancient usages of the Craft. They must be represented in every Communication of the Grand Lodge by

their Masters and Wardens or by proxies duly commissioned, under the seal of the Lodge and the attestation of the Master and Secretary.

Section 2. They shall make an annual return to the District Deputy Grand Master of their officers and members; of all candidates initiated, crafted and raised, agreeably to the form transmitted by the Grand Lodge, and pay all such fees as the Grand Lodge shall assess; they shall record with their By-Laws all the Edicts and Regulations they shall receive from the Grand Lodge; they shall take rank, in Grand Lodge, according to the priority of the dates of their charters; they shall not hold meetings in any place excepting those designated therein, unless by a vote of the Grand Lodge; they shall forfeit their charters when they are two years delinquent in their dues to the Grand Lodge, unless remitted by the Grand Lodge upon proper application.

Section 3. They shall admit as members such only as are Master Masons and elect or appoint none as permanent officers but members; they shall not ballot for any candidate for initiation who has not been proposed at a previous meeting, without obtaining a dispensation therefor, nor without making strict enquiry into his moral character.

Section 4. No Lodge, in the absence of the Master and Wardens, shall initiate, craft or raise, unless a Past Master is present to preside.

Section 5. No person residing in a town within this Commonwealth, wherein a Lodge is held, shall be admitted a candidate by a Lodge in any other town without the approbation of the Master and Wardens of a Lodge in the town of his residence.

Section 6. The fee demanded by a Lodge for initiating, crafting and raising shall not be less than nineteen dollars, including the fee to the Grand Lodge.

Section 7. Each Lodge shall pay annually to the Grand Lodge towards its support eight dollars, and three dollars for every candidate by them initiated.

Section 8. Every Lodge represented by proxy in Grand Lodge shall issue the commission, annually. All commissions of proxy shall expire with the closing of the Grand Lodge on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist, or day of installation.

Section 9. The Lodges within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall be formed into twelve or more Districts, by the Grand Master, in each of which shall reside a District Deputy Grand Master.

Section 10. It shall be the duty of every Master, or presiding officer, under this Jurisdiction, when notified of the intended official visit of the District Deputy Grand Master, to convene his Lodge; receive him as the representative of the Grand Lodge; resign the Chair to him while making his communications; submit to his inspection the By-Laws, records and mode of work; shall deliver to him the return of the Lodge and the dues of the Grand Lodge.

Section 11. Every Lodge shall be furnished by the Grand Lodge with blank returns and as many diplomas as they shall initiate candidates; and the Master of each Lodge, who has complied with the Laws of the Grand Lodge, shall be presented with a Master's diploma, after having sustained the office one year.

Chapter IV.

General Regulations.

Section 1. All Grand Lodge records, heretofore made, and other Masonic papers, shall be safely deposited in the archives of this Grand Lodge, and they never shall be carried out but by the Grand Master's permission.

Section 2. Every petition for constituting a new Lodge must be accompanied with the approbation of the Lodge nearest the place where said Lodge is to be held, and the petitioners recommended by one of the District Deputy Grand Masters; and every Lodge shall be consecrated, and its officers installed, within twelve months from the date of its charter.

Section 3. For every charter hereafter granted there shall be paid to the Grand Treasurer, eighty-five dollars, seventy of which shall be the funds of the Grand Lodge, ten for the Charity Fund and five paid to the Recording Grand Secretary for filling and affixing the Grand Seal to the same.

Section 4. Every charter returned to the Grand Lodge, with an intention of being resumed, shall be accompanied with the

By-Laws, records, seal and regalia of the Lodge; and no charter thus deposited shall be restored unless seven of the applicants were members at the time it was deposited.

Section 5. Every charter, when declared forfeited, shall be returned to the Grand Lodge with the records, seal and By-Laws of the Lodge, and all members of a Lodge, who shall vote to divide the funds thereof among themselves, shall be liable to expulsion.

Section 6. At the Annual Communication for the choice of officers, a Committee of Finance and Accounts shall be chosen, whose duty it shall be to examine and pass all bills against the Grand Lodge; examine the records of the Grand Secretaries; audit the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and designate the compensation to be allowed for their services, and report at the Annual Communication for, and previous to, the choice of officers.

Section 7. A committee shall be annually appointed by the Grand Master, at the Communication in September, whose duty it shall be to have the records correctly transcribed into the Transcript Book, and report at the Annual Communication in December.

Section 8. All other committees, chosen or appointed, shall report their proceedings at the next Communication after their appointment. The first Brother chosen shall be chairman, and shall furnish each of the committee with a copy of the vote of his appointment, as received from the Grand Secretary, and appoint the time and place of meeting.

Section 9. The expenses of all committees shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.

Section 10. Each District Deputy Grand Master and every Master and Warden of a Lodge must be clothed with his jewel before he shall be allowed to take his seat and vote in Grand Lodge, without special permission of the Grand Master, and, in his absence, a vote of the Grand Lodge.

Section 11. No vote passed in Grand Lodge can be reconsidered by a less number of voters than was present when the vote was passed, provided a return of the number of voters was made and recorded.

Section 12. No permanent Regulation shall be established at the meeting when it is proposed, nor until it has been duly considered by a committee, to be appointed by the Grand Master, or in his absence chosen by the Grand Lodge, for that purpose.

Chapter V.

Of the Charity Fund.

Section 1. The Charity Fund established by the Grand Lodge shall be styled "The Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

Section 2. This Fund shall be increased annually by adding thereto one-fourth part of the annual fees, and one-third part of all initiation fees paid the Grand Lodge by the Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

Section 3. One-half of all the donations made to the Grand Lodge, not specially appropriated by the donors, shall be added to said Fund.

Section 4. The Charity Fund aforesaid shall be under the direction of a Board of Trustees, consisting of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, the Right Worshipful Deputy Grand Master, Grand Treasurer and four Brethren, who are not acting officers of the Grand Lodge, to be elected by ballot, and to constitute, during good behavior, a permanent part of the Board; and provided a vacancy should occur from death, resignation or any other cause, it shall be reported to the Grand Lodge at the next Quarterly Communication, at which time the vacancy shall be filled.

Section 5. The Board of Trustees shall hold their meetings on the Monday preceding each Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, and at such other times as may be thought expedient; and a majority of the Board shall be necessary for every act, except that of adjournment.

Section 6. The Board of Trustees shall appoint a Secretary, whose duty it shall be to make a correct record of the proceedings of the Board, and report the same to the Grand Lodge at every Quarterly Communication; and each report made to the Grand Lodge shall be signed by the Chairman of the Board: the

Grand Recording Secretary shall keep a separate book, in which shall be recorded all the proceedings of the Trustees that shall be recorded by the Secretary of the Board.

Section 7. The Charity Fund shall be always in the safe keeping of the Grand Treasurer, under the direction of the Board of Trustees; and he shall vest the same in such stock as shall be most productive; and no loans or donations shall be made from the principal of said Fund until the income thereof shall amount to three thousand dollars per annum.

Section 8. The Grand Treasurer shall have power to retain a year's interest arising from said Fund, to be appropriated, by the Board of Trustees, to the relief of such poor and distressed Brethren, their widows and orphans, as they may consider worthy of assistance; but should there be any interest unappropriated at the end of the year, it shall be vested as heretofore provided, and ever after be considered as principal of said Fund.

Section 9. The Grand Treasurer shall report to the Grand Lodge at every Quarterly Communication an account of all money received and appropriations made to the Charity Fund; and of all donations and expenditures therefrom which have arisen during the quarter.

A true copy of record.

JOHN PROCTOR,
Grand Recording Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on the 9th day of March, A.L. 5812, when the following Brethren were present, vizt:

M.W. TIMOTHY BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. THADDEUS M. HARRIS	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. JOB DREW	Grand Senior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. M'L ROULSTONE	Grand Junior Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Senior Steward.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Junior Steward.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. DANIEL WITHINGTON	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with several Past Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters from several Districts.

The following Lodges were also duly represented, vizt: St. John's, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Trinity, Hancock, Columbian, King Hiram, Washington, Union, Corinthian, Meridian, Mount Moriah, Mount Lebanon, Pacific, Wisdom, Mount Vernon, Jordan, Fredonia and Washington Remembered.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening:

BENJAMIN GLEASON, for Cincinnatus Lodge.
SAMUEL MACKAY, for Friendship Lodge.
EPHRAIM BENNETT, for Wisdom Lodge.
BENJ. MEAD, for Hancock Lodge.
JOHN HART, for Rising Sun Lodge.
JOHN BOYLE, for Sincerity Lodge.

A remonstrance was presented from certain Brethren of Bristol Lodge, signed by E. Raymond and twenty-four others, stating that the removal of said Lodge from the town of Norton to the town of Attleboro' will prove injurious to them, and likewise

to the cause of Masonry. Read and committed to Brothers Andrew Sigourney, Henry Fowle and John Dixwell.

A communication from the Rev'd and R.W. Jotham Waterman, District Deputy Grand Master, complaining of un-Masonic conduct in Fore Fathers' Rock Lodge, at Plymouth, was read and committed to Bros. Benj. Russell, Henry Purkitt and Job Drew.

The following petitions were presented, vizt: from Warren Lodge praying for a remission of their dues, the better to enable them to dipense their charity to poor Brethren of their own precinct, and because their great distance deprives them of those benefits arising from the funds of the Grand Lodge which are enjoyed by Lodges less remote. Read and committed to the Committee of Finance.

From Adams Lodge, at Wellfleet, praying for a remission of their quarterages in future and declaring their readiness to return their charter, if desired. Read and committed to Bros. James Dickinson, Henry Fowle and Thomas Redman.

From Fraternal Lodge, at Barnstable, praying for a remission of a balance due the Grand Lodge, amounting, as by their return, to thirty-one dollars; for reasons set forth in their petition. Read and committed to the Committee of Finance.

A petition was presented from the R.W. Master, Wardens and Brethren of Franklin Lodge, signed by Liscom Phillips and Nath'l Luther, their committee, praying that a dispensation might be granted them to remove said Lodge from the town of Cheshire to the town of Windsor, in the same county, for reasons set forth in their petition, which was read and considered. Whereupon, VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The committee appointed to receive from the late Grand Secretary the records, papers, etc., in his possession, presented the following report, vizt:

The committee appointed to receive from the late Grand Secretary all the records, books and papers of the Grand Lodge in his possession, beg leave to report, that they have performed the duty assigned them and have received from the W'l Brother Proctor, late Grand Secretary, sundry books and papers as per schedule annexed, and have delivered the same to the Grand

Secretary and to the Grand Treasurer as prescribed in the 2nd Chapter of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee beg leave further to report that upon inspecting several files of the papers of the Grand Lodge, they observed a large number of useless memoranda; and that the documents and returns, of some years, were indiscriminately mixed in the files of others, thereby causing a great difficulty and delay in recurring to any papers which may be wanted, and the inconvenience of which has already been experienced by a committee appointed at the last Annual Communication. They therefore respectfully recommend that the Grand Treasurer be appointed a committee to examine, regularly assort and file all the papers which have been handed to him by this committee, from the late Secretary, with liberty to destroy all such memoranda of meetings, records, etc., as, upon examination, he shall find duly entered in the records of the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

BENJ. RUSSELL,
FRANCIS J. OLIVER, } Committee.
HENRY PURKITT,

BOSTON, 9th March, A.L. 5812.

SCHEDULE OF ARTICLES REC'D FROM W. JNO. PROCTOR, LATE GRAND SECRETARY.

Seal of the Grand Lodge.
Book containing all the accounts of the several subordinate Lodges with Grand Lodge.
Two folio volumes of Records.
Two marble-covered memorandum books.
13 Copies of the new Constitution in marble-covers.
149 Diplomas for initiates, on paper.
9 Diplomas for Past Masters, on vellum.
8 Blank Charters, on vellum.
Charter of Rising States Lodge, in a painted case.
Charter for Oriental Star Lodge, completed.
Packet consisting of returned Charters of Kennebec, Sylvan and Old Colony Lodges.

14 Bundles consisting of primary papers appertaining to the concerns of the Grand Lodge from the year 1801 to 1811 inclusive.

Bundle of blank notifications. 2 bundles of blank returns.

3 Bundles of Annual Communications.

1 Bundle of miscellaneous papers.

1 Bundle of foreign communications.

1 Bundle of papers relating to Ancient Landmark Lodge.

1 Bundle of Bro. Thomas' Addresses and Annual Communications.

1 Bundle of foreign communications, acted on in 1811.

1 Bundle of obselete and useless parchments.

The foregoing report, with the above schedule thereto annexed, was read and accepted. On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be a committee to carry into effect the recommendation therein contained.

The Grand Secretary represented that the diploma plate, for initiates, was so worn that fair and legible impressions could no longer be taken from it; likewise that impressions of that description, on vellum, were much wanted.

On motion, VOTED, That Bro. John Soley, Andrew Sigourney and Nathaniel Dana be a committee to order such repairs on the plate aforesaid, or procure a new engraving, as they may deem expedient; also, to report on the expediency of having impressions taken therefrom on vellum.

The committee appointed to prepare an Address to prosperous individuals for subscriptions to the Grand Charity Fund were called upon to report, but were silent on the subject.

The committee appointed at the last Communication to determine what qualifications shall in future be considered necessary to constitute a legal representative in this Grand Lodge, and to report a uniform commission for proxy, made the following report:

The committee appointed the 9th of December, 1811, to determine what qualifications shall, in future, be considered necessary to constitute a legal representative in this Grand Lodge, and to report thereon at this meeting, having attended to the business assigned them, take leave to report, that the 3rd Section of the

first Chapter and the 1st Section of the third Chapter of the Constitution explicitly declare, "The qualifications necessary to be a member, or legal representative;" and your committee are of opinion that none other, but those therein mentioned, can be legal representatives, or suffer'd to vote in this Grand Lodge. As some Lodges have been deprived of being represented in this Grand Lodge by their commission of proxy not being constitutionally worded and executed, your committee have taken the liberty of drafting a form of commission for a proxy, which they will submit to the Grand Lodge for approbation; and, if approved of, to be adopted as the only form to be used and accepted by this Grand Lodge after the installation of Grand Officers in December next. They further report as their opinion, that no Master or Warden of a Lodge can delegate his jewel or privilege as a voter in this Grand Lodge to any member of his Lodge, much less to a Brother who is not a member; and that the Master and Wardens of a Lodge who have a legal proxy in Grand Lodge cannot vote in conjunction with such proxy (tho' both may retain their seats in Grand Lodge); and that when the Master and Wardens of such a Lodge are present they shall have the privilege of voting; but, if only one of them is present, the proxy shall have that privilege.

All which is submitted.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY.
JOHN SOLEY.
BENJ. RUSSELL.

March 9th, A.L. 5812.

The foregoing report was read, accepted and on motion, VOTED, That the same committee be authorized to have the same printed and sent to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, with directions to have it recorded for their future government.

FORM OF A COMMISSION FOR PROXY AS REPORTED BY THE COMMITTEE.

To the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts,—

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Be it known,

That, Brother ———, of ——— Lodge, has been chosen by the members of ——— Lodge in ———, to represent the said Lodge in Grand Lodge the ensuing

Master.

year. I do by these presents constitute and appoint him their proxy, for them to appear and upon all subjects, relating to the Craft in general and to said Lodge in particular, to act and decide as fully as though we were personally present. Confirming the acts of our beloved Brother, in his capacity aforesaid, we pray that he may enjoy all the privileges and protection to which we are entitled.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Seal of our Lodge to be affixed this ——— day of ———, A.L. 58—.

Attest:

———————, Secretary.

The Grand Secretary, by vote of Grand Lodge, was directed to notify Bro. Elijah Crane, as chairman of the committee on the concerns of James Anderson, that the Grand Lodge require a report of that committee on the subject confided to them, at the Quarterly Communication in June next.

A letter was received from the Rev'd and R.W. Brother Thaddeus M. Harris, declining the appointment of Deputy Grand Master. Read and ordered on the files of the Grand Lodge.

The Committee of Finance made a report which was read and recommitted; whereupon, Voted, That the same committee be authorized to take such measures for ascertaining the amount due to the Grand Lodge from the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and for the speedy collection thereof, as they may deem expedient.

The committee on the concerns of the Rising States Lodge made a report which was read and re-committed for the final accomplishment of the duty assigned them.

The Grand Lodge closed in Due Form, to stand closed until the second Monday in June next.

Attest: John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on the evening of the 8th of June, A.L. 5812.

The following Grand Officers were present:—

M.W.	TIMOTHY BIGELOW	Grand Master.
R.W.	FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Senior Warden.
R.W.	BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Junior Warden.
R.W.	ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W.	JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W.	HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W.	THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	JOHN B. HAMMATT	Grand Senior Deacon.
R.W.	JOB DREW	Grand Junior Deacon.
R.W.	MICHAEL ROULSTONE	1st Grand Steward.
R.W.	EPHRAIM BEAMAN	2nd Grand Steward.
R.W.	ANDREW ROULSTONE	3rd Grand Steward.
R.W.	GOODNOW	4th Grand Steward.
R.W.	DANIEL CREHORE	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W.	DANIEL WITHINGTON	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro.	WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with several Past Grand Officers and District Deputy Grand Masters from several Districts.

The following Lodges were also duly represented, vizt: Saint John's, St. Andrew's, Portland, Tyrian, Massachusetts, Essex, Old Colony, Federal, Republican, Columbian, King Hiram, Union, Montgomery, Mt. Zion, Mt. Moriah, Mt. Lebanon, Pacific, Amicable, Mt. Vernon, Jordan, Felicity and Fredonia.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies this evening, vizt:

JOSEPH JENKINS, for Jerusalem Lodge.
FOSTER SWIFT, for Union Lodge.
BRECK PARKMAN, for Fredonia Lodge.
SAMUEL THAXTER, for Old Colony Lodge.
JOSEPH LEE, for Felicity Lodge.
THOMAS J. JACKSON, for Federal Lodge.

Report of the committee on the concerns of the Late Rising States Lodge.

The committee appointed to fulfill and complete the purport of the recommendation contained in the report upon the conduct of the late Rising States Lodge, beg leave to state, That the more effectually to fulfill the object of their commission they have caused three several notices to be served upon the late members of the Rising States Lodge, of the times when the committee would be in session at Masons Hall to receive communications on the subjects committed to them; that in consequence of their notifications the following named Brethren have appeared and declared to the truth of the statements by them made, vizt: R.W. Paul Revere, who stated that the money received by him, as his proportion of the stock, had been all faithfully applied to the relief of the distressed members of the Masonic family.

Bro. John D. Howard has made a similar declaration.

R.W. Bro. E. Beaman has stated in writing that thirteen dollars of the money received was paid into the hands of Massachusetts Lodge; fourteen dollars bestowed upon sundry indigent and poor friends; twenty dollars vested in the regalia of the late Rising States Lodge, and ten dollars to be paid to your committee, to be applied to the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge. He also stated, that he is ready to deposit with the Grand Lodge the regalia of the late Rising States Lodge, purchased by him, to be disposed of as they may think proper.

R.W. John Tuckerman stated in writing the names of sundry widows, and of Masons, to whose relief he has appropriated fifty-two dollars of the dividend received by him; the balance of which being five dollars, he has paid into the hands of your committee for the use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

R.W. Bro. Benj. Russell stated that he had given to the relief of distressed objects of the Masonic family, $——; paid into the funds of St. John's Lodge $——, and the balance of the dividend received by him, being forty-two dollars, he was ready to pay over to the use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge.

Bro. Josiah Willard stated in writing that he had disposed of every cent of the money received by him to the relief of distressed Masons, Mason's wives and orphans, within fourteen days after he had received it.

Brother Wm. Whall, Jr., stated in writing that he had expended the whole amount of the dividend received by him towards the support of aged and infirm people, except ten dollars, which he is ready to pay over to the use of the Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge, and for which he has given his note of hand.

Brother Joseph Allen stated in writing that his situation was such that he had been obliged to devote the money received by him to the relief of the necessities of his own family, humbly conceiving that the objects for which the funds of the late Rising States Lodge were raised, have, in this instance or appropriation, been answered.

Bro. Frederick Wm. Major made a similar statement.

Bro. Peter Ballard stated that he had acted with the majority of the late Rising States Lodge, under the impression that his conduct was correct, but that since reading the printed report of your committee he was fully convinced that he had done wrong. The dividend he had received had been expended for his own uses, but now satisfied that it could never have been intended that the funds of a Lodge should be divided, as had been those of the late Rising States Lodge, he was disposed to pay the whole amount to the Grand Lodge for the use of the Charity Fund, in such sums and at such times as he might be enabled to. His situation was such that it was impossible for him to pay over the whole at once.

Brother Enoch Baldwin said that he had not appropriated the amount of the dividend received by him, that he should do it at a convenient time; that none of it should go to the Grand Lodge and that he considered it as money in trust and not belonging to him.

Bro. John Collins, being sick, informed the committee, by Bro. Beaman, that he had disposed of part of his dividend to charitable objects and intended to do the same with the remainder.

Brother Jos. Batson stated in writing that he had paid thirteen dollars of the dividend received by him into the funds of Massachusetts Lodge; and the balance of forty-four dollars had been paid to the relief of distressed Masons and Masons' widows, named in his communication.

Brother Joseph Clark sent a written communication, stating that the recent loss of a child had so filled his mind with grief that he was then incapable of attending on the committee.

Bro. Jos'h Willard also stated that that part of the printed report of your committee, which was founded upon the records of the Rising States Lodge, is with them erroneous; for that he actually requested Bro. Batson to propose that the funds and regalia of said Lodge should be passed over to the Grand Lodge, for the use of the Charity Fund; and that upon the question being taken, he, with the five Brethren named in the printed report, did vote in the affirmative. This fact is here introduced by your committee in justice to Brother Willard.

Your committee having thus named all the members of the late Rising States Lodge from whom they have received communications, leave the final decision of the subject to the wisdom of the Grand Lodge, respectfully suggesting the expediency of granting one other opportunity to the non-conforming members to embrace the proffered hand of reconciliation before the infliction of that penalty which will be alike painful to the Grand Lodge and to the objects of it.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SOLEY,
SHUBAEL BELL,
FRANCIS J. OLIVER,
JOHN DIXWELL,
} Committee.

BOSTON, 9th March, A.L. 5812.

The foregoing report was read and unanimously accepted. On motion, VOTED, That a committee be raised, by nomination from the Chair, to report what measures ought to be adopted by this Grand Lodge, consistent with its dignity and the welfare of the Masonic family, in regard to those members of the late Rising States Lodge who have refused to comply with the recommendations of this Most Worshipful Grand Lodge as expressed by the acceptance of the report of their committee at the Quarterly Communication, September 9th, A.L. 5811.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master, pro tem., (the Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq.), then nominated the Masters of St. John's Lodge, Massachusetts Lodge, Mount Lebanon Lodge, Columbian

Lodge, with Brother Shubael Bell, as a committee for the purposes aforesaid, which nomination was unanimously accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Petitions were presented from M—— H——, widow of A—— H——, deceased, and McE——, widow of R—— McE——, deceased, praying for the charitable notice of the Grand Lodge, which petitions were committed to Brothers Andrew Roulstone, Job Drew and Ephraim Beaman, who reported a donation of fifteen dollars to the former, and five dollars to the latter; which report was accepted.

Report of the committee on the concerns of J—— A——, vizt: We, the subscribers, having been appointed a committee to take into consideration the petition of J —— A—— respecting the doings of Columbian Lodge of which he, the said J—— A——, was a member, have attended to the duties assigned us and report the following statement of facts:

After notifying the parties and their friends we met them and after several hearings on the subject we find that mention was made in Columbian Lodge, on the evening of the 16th February, A.L. 5809, that it was suspected that some Brother of said Lodge had acted in a manner unbecoming a Mason; whereupon the members of the Lodge appointed a committee to enquire and report. We find the said committee did meet and proceed to hear evidence in the absence of the said J——, who was the member alluded to, and without giving the said J—— notice of their meeting. We further find that at a second meeting of said committee the said J—— was notified, and was present, and, as the committee now states, confessed the charges; and the said J—— now states that he told the committee they might believe what they pleased as he should have a hearing before the Lodge; that said committee did make a report to their Lodge, which was by them accepted without giving said J—— notice, he, being on a voyage at sea, at the time that the report was accepted in said Lodge. A question arose whether the report, etc., were of such nature that it was the duty of the Secretary to forward a copy to the Grand Lodge, to which there were objections, and one of said committee now states that it was never his intention to have done more by the report than that said

J—— should have lost his membership in Columbian Lodge. A majority did decide that the Secretary forward their proceedings.

We ask leave further to state that in the several conferences we have had, we have seen no disposition in either of the parties unbecoming Masons, altho' we consider said Lodge did proceed hastily respecting said J——, but we have no doubt from the best motives.

ELIJAH CRANE,
JOB DREW,
ANDREW SIGOURNEY, } Committee.

BOSTON, June 8th, A.L. 5812.

The report of the committee, on the concerns of J—— A——, as above, was read, and on motion, VOTED, That said report be recommitted to the same committee for the purpose of presenting to the Grand Lodge their decided opinion upon the subject thereof. The committee withdrew and shortly afterward laid before the M't W'l Grand Lodge the following additional report, vizt:

Your committee further report that in their opinion it would be proper for the Grand Lodge to rescind their doings as it respects J—— A——, and that he be restored to the benefits of Masonry.

All which is submitted.

ELIJAH CRANE,
JOB DREW,
ANDREW SIGOURNEY, } Committee.

June 8th, A.L. 5812.

The foregoing report was read but not accepted.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee be nominated from the Chair, to take into consideration the case of J—— A—— and report whether in their opinion he ought to be re-instated in his Masonic privileges. The M. Worshipful Grand Master, pro tem., (the Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett), then nominated the Masters of St. John's Lodge, St. Andrew's Lodge, Massachusetts Lodge, Mt. Lebanon Lodge and King Solomon's Lodge to be of the committee, which nomination was unanimously accepted and confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

A memorial was presented, signed by the Master and Wardens of Mt. Moriah Lodge, stating that their Lodge was located by charter in the first parish in the town of Reading, which first parish has by Legislative Act been incorporated as a town by the name of South Reading. They therefore pray that Mt. Moriah Lodge may be permitted to hold their meetings, so long as convenient, in South Reading, aforesaid.

VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

The committee to whom was committed the petition from several Lodges praying for the remission of their dues to this Grand Lodge, ask leave to report.

That they have taken into due consideration the numerous applications for the remission of dues to the Grand Lodge, and also the importance of that respectable and honorable support which it is the duty of every Brother of the Masonic family to afford to the parent Grand Lodge as well as the establishment of the Grand Charity Fund, and are of opinion that when any Lodge finds it inconvenient to comply with the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which they have promised to support and maintain, it is their duty to return their charter and regalia to the Grand Lodge to be deposited, during their inability, among the archives of Masonry; and that it is inexpedient, unjust and inconsistent with that support, which the Grand Lodge has a right to expect from the Lodges under its Jurisdiction, for them to grant remission of dues under any circumstances, as the demands of the Grand Lodge are very moderate and are chiefly paid by the initiates.

Your committee are of opinion that the petitioners from Warren Lodge were not aware of the nature and tendency of their request; that to grant their prayer would be to grant an Independent Lodge within the limits of this Jurisdiction.

Your committee therefore recommend that the petitioners from the several Lodges on this subject have leave to withdraw their petitions.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY FOWLE,
JOHN DIXWELL, } Committee.
JOHN B. HAMMATT,

The foregoing report was read and accepted. On motion, VOTED, That the Committee of Finance be directed to communicate the decision of the Grand Lodge on the subject thereof to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and likewise to make known to Warren Lodge the result of the prayer of their petition.

The committee to whom was committed the remonstrance of a number of Brethren, calling themselves members of Bristol Lodge, desiring that said Lodge may not be removed to Attleboro', ask leave to represent, That in December last this Grand Lodge received a petition from all the officers and a large majority of the members of Bristol Lodge, at Norton, praying permission, for reasons offered in their petition, to remove their Lodge to the town of Attleboro', East Parish, to hold their meetings there in future. This petition was also supported and recommended by the R. W'l James Ellis, District Deputy Grand Master for the 4th Masonic District, to which that Lodge is annexed. After due deliberation, it was on motion, VOTED, unanimously, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

Your committee are therefore of opinion that as the prayer of the petition for removal was granted three months before the remonstrance was written, and the remonstrants, if members, must have known that the petitioners intended to apply for leave to remove the Lodge, yet did not make these objections till March; this Grand Lodge, therefore, cannot rescind a resolution thus solemnly passed, without a conviction that they have acted injudiciously, of which at present they have no proof.

All which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
HENRY FOWLE, } Committee.
JOHN DIXWELL,

BOSTON, June, 5812.

The foregoing was read and accepted.

A petition was presented, signed by John Frink, Moses White and fourteen others, Brethren of the Craft and inhabitants of the town of Rutland, in the county of Worcester, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in said town, by the name of Thompson Lodge, which petition was supported by certificates of approba-

tion from Morning Star Lodge, Mount Zion Lodge, Harris Lodge, and by recommendation of R.W. James Thompson, District Deputy Grand Master for the Sixth Masonic District.

The subject of which petition having been duly considered, on motion, VOTED, That the prayer thereof be granted.

A petition from Hiram Lodge, praying for a remission of their quarterages for the last four years, for reasons set forth in their petition: on motion, VOTED, That the same be referred to the Committee of Finance.

VOTED, That the Grand Wardens, with the Grand Treasurer, be a committee to determine the mode by which the District Deputy Grand Masters are in future to be furnished with the jewels of their office, and to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

A communication was received from Jordan Lodge, at Danvers, exhibiting in detail the proceedings of that Lodge on the expulsion of J—— W. S—— for "gross un-Masonic conduct." The communication was accompanied with a list of the charges against the offender, signed by the Master of the Lodge, together with a report of your committee thereupon; all which were committed to Brothers Henry Purkitt, Foster Swift and Job Drew, whose report thereon was as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed to investigate the proceedings of Jordan Lodge, on the expulsion of J—— W. S——, having performed the duty assigned them, ask leave to report, that having examined the documents committed to them, they are of opinion that the doings of said Lodge ought to be confirmed, and that the expulsion of J—— W. S—— from the Society of Freemasons be ratified by Grand Lodge.

HENRY PURKITT,
Per order.

Which report being read was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed until the second Monday in September next.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF GRAND LODGE was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on Monday evening, the 14th of September, A.L. 5812.

The following Grand Officers were present:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
W. JOHN ANDREWS	Junior Grand Steward.

with the District Deputy Grand Masters from the 1st, 4th and 9th Districts.

The following Lodges were also duly represented, vizt: St. John's, Saint Andrew's, Massachusetts, Old Colony, Columbian, Cincinnatus, Mount Lebanon, Mt. Vernon, Oxford and Jordan.

The committee to whom it was referred to report what measures ought to be adopted by the M.W. Grand Lodge, consistent with its dignity and the welfare of the Masonic family in regard to those members of the late Rising States Lodge who have refused to comply with the recommendations of the Grand Lodge, as expressed by the acceptance of the report of their committee at the Quarterly Communication, September 9th, A.L. 5811, report, That three months from the present Communication be allowed said delinquent members to comply with the lenient requisitions of the Grand Lodge, and that a Masonic summons be issued under the authority thereof, to be forthwith served by the Grand Marshal on each and every one of them, requiring them to appear at the next Quarterly Communication to certify their acquiescence or to show cause why a vote of expulsion from the benefits and immunities of Masonry should not be passed upon them; and that the Grand Marshal make return thereof to the

Grand Secretary on or before the next Quarterly Communication.

Signed, JOHN DIXWELL.
MATH'W S. PARKER, M'r Mass. Lodge.
JOSEPH JENKINS, M'r C. Lodge.
SHUBAEL BELL.
R. LASH, JR., M'r Mt. L. Lodge.

The foregoing report was read and unanimously accepted.

The committee appointed to determine the mode by which District Deputy Grand Masters shall be put in possession of the jewels of their office, take leave to report, That it shall be the duty of the Grand Treasurer to cause to be delivered to the Brother appointed to the office of District Deputy Grand Master (as soon after the appointment as may be) the jewels, etc., appertaining to the office, and upon the delivery thereof he shall require a receipt in the form following, vizt:

Whereas I, A—— B——, have been appointed District Deputy Grand Master of Massachusetts for the ——— Masonic District, and have received the collar and jewels appertaining to said office, I hereby promise to return the same, on demand, to Mr. Andrew Sigourney, Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and in default thereof I promise to pay, on demand, to the order of the said Andrew Sigourney, or whoever may hold the office of Treasurer of said Grand Lodge, the sum of fifty dollars.

And in those cases which now exist, where the late District Deputy Grand Master has neglected to deliver to his successor the collar and jewel of his office, it shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to write to him immediately, requiring that he should cause them to be forthwith delivered to his successor.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER, } Committee.
ANDREW SIGOURNEY, }

BOSTON, 14th September, A.L. 5812.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, with the amendment that the records of the District shall accompany the jewels,

and be required of the District Deputy Grand Masters, upon their retiring from office.

REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF J—— A——.

The committee appointed to take into consideration the case of Brother J—— A——, ask leave to report, that a few days after the last Communication of the Grand Lodge, Bro. A—— paid the great "debt of nature." Your committee thought it unnecessary to proceed in their commission.

HENRY FOWLE,
Per order.

BOSTON, 10th September, 5812.

A communication was received from Rising Virtue Lodge, at Bangor, relative to the amount apparently due from said Lodge to the Grand Lodge, stating that they had paid over the money demanded of them to George Ulmer, District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, according to the Regulations of the Grand Lodge, which declaration was supported by proper documents in proof thereof.

Read and committed to the Committee of Finance and the R.W'l and Hon'ble Samuel Thatcher, District Deputy Grand Master of the Tenth Masonic District, who are ordered to pursue such measures as will best secure the funds of the Grand Lodge, and report thereon.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be directed to deliver the books of the new Constitution into the hands of the Grand Secretary.

VOTED, That Brother Shubael Bell, Robert Lash and Henry Purkitt be a committee to see that the records of the Grand Lodge for the past year are properly transcribed.

VOTED, That Brother John Lathrop, Jr., have the privilege of access to the records and files of the Grand Lodge as his occasions may require.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed until the second Monday in December next.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on the evening of the 14th of December, A.L. 5812.

The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present, vizt:

M.W. The Hon. TIMO. BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON .	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and the Representatives of the Lodges within the Jurisdiction hereafter mentioned, vizt:

St. John's	Boston.	Portland	Portland.
St. Andrew's	Boston.	Massachusetts	Boston.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Meridian Sun	Brookfield.
Trinity	Lancaster.	Hiram	Lexington.
Essex	Salem.	Mt. Moriah	Reading.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Pacific	Sunderland.
Columbian	Boston.	Union	Nantucket.
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington.	Wisdom	West Stockbridge.
Washington	Roxbury.	Charity	Mendon.
Harmony	Northfield.	Oriental	Bridgetown.
Union	Dorchester.	Mount Vernon	Belchertown.
Jerusalem	Williamsburg.	Oxford	Paris.
Corinthian	Concord.	Jordan	Danvers.
Montgomery	Medway.	Fredonia	Northboro.
Mount Lebanon	Boston.		

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

Bro. Asa Peabody, of Boston, for Oriental Lodge.
Bro. Edw'd Horseman, of Boston, for Portland Lodge.
Bro. Joab Hunt, of Boston, for Oxford Lodge.
Bro. Sam'l Brown, of Boston, for Harmony Lodge.

A petition for charity, presented by the Rev'd Joseph Willard in behalf of his daughter Hannah Parlin, widow of Brother Isaac Parlin, deceased, was read and, on motion, Voted, That the same be committed to Brothers John Soley, Andrew Sigourney and Henry Fowle, to report thereon at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge.

A petition was presented from Harmony Lodge, praying that a dispensation might be granted them to meet alternately at Northfield and Warwick, for reasons therein set forth. On motion, Voted, That the same be committed to Bros. Shubael Bell, John Dixwell and Francis J. Oliver to report thereon.

A petition from Bro. James Dow, praying for charitable relief, was read and, on motion, Voted, That the same be committed to Brothers Shubael Bell, Job Drew and John Dixwell, with directions to take the same into immediate consideration and report thereon at the present meeting.

The committee on the petition of Bro. James Dow, having taken the same into consideration, made the following report,

The committee appointed to take into consideration the application of Brother James Dow, having found his circumstances and situation to be peculiarly necessitous, do report that the sum of twenty dollars be presented him as a charitable donation from this Grand Lodge.

S. Bell,
Chairman.

Which report being read was accepted.

Report of the committee appointed to assort, arrange and file the records and papers appertaining to the late Grand Treasurer and Secretary's departments, vizt: The Grand Treasurer, in compliance with a vote of the Grand Lodge passed March the 9th, 5812, has attended to the duty assigned him, and has also examined, assorted and filed all the papers which he received

from the late Grand Treasurer, Allen Crocker, and the following is a schedule of all the books and papers in his possession belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, vizt:

Records of the Grand Lodge established in Boston, in the year 1733, by a commission from the Most Worshipful Anthony Lord Viscount Montague, Grand Master of England, to Henry Price, from July 30th, 1733, to March, 1792.

One book, being records of the Grand Lodge established in Boston in the year 1769, by a commission from the Most Worshipful George Earl of Dalhousie, Grand Master of Scotland, to Joseph Warren, Esq., from December, 1769, to March, 1792.

One book, being records of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts from the union of the aforesaid Grand Lodges in March, 1792, to March 1811.

One book, being records of a Master's Lodge, in Boston, from January, 1738, to November, 1761.

One book, being records of the Second Lodge in Boston, from 1761 to 1775.

One book, being records of Rising Sun Lodge, in Boston, from 1772 to 1791.

One book, Masonic Constitutions of Massachusetts, 1792.

One book, records of Harmonic Lodge, Boston, from 1791 to 1797.

A paper labelled, "Commission of the M't W'l Henry Somerset, Duke of Beauford, Grand Master of England, to John Rowe, Esq., dated May 12th, 1768."

A bundle labelled, "Papers of the Massachusetts Grand Lodge until March, 1792, the time of the union of the aforesaid Grand Lodge and St. John's Grand Lodge into one, under the title of The Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

A bundle labelled "Papers of St. John's Grand Lodge, from 1734 to 1772."

One bundle labelled "Petitions for charters, and for the removal of Lodges from one town to another, from 1792 to December, 1801. N. 1."

One bundle, ditto, 1802 to 1811. N. 2.

One bundle labelled "Letters from the Grand Masters, Deputy Grand Masters and from Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, from 1792 to December, 1807. N. 1."

One bundle do. do. from 1808 to 1811. N. 2.

One bundle labelled "Acco'ts Curr't of the Grand Treasurers, William Little and Thomas Dennie, to December, 1798, and vouchers of Grand Treasurer, Allen Crocker, Acco'ts Curr't from December, 1798, to December, 1809."

One bundle labelled "Proceedings of the Grand Lodge and Deputy Grand Lodges at constituting Lodges and installing the Officers, from 1794 to January, 1811."

One bundle labelled "Addresses of the Grand Lodge to George Washington, in 1793 and 1797, and his answers thereto; also the addresses of Grand Master Revere in 1797 and Bartlett in 1810 to the Grand Lodge."

One bundle labelled "Petitions for relief, from 1795 to 1810."

One bundle labelled "Commissions of Proxies, from 1793 to 1811."

One bundle labelled "Reports of Committees, from 1794 to 1811."

One bundle labelled "Expulsions from Sundry Lodges, from 1801 to 1811, approved by the Grand Lodge."

One bundle labelled "Acco'ts Cur't of the D't D'y G. Masters, from 1802 to 1811."

One bundle labelled "Dist. D'y G'd Masters' orders and receipts for jewels and Past Masters' diplomas."

One bundle labelled "By-Laws of Sundry Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

One bundle of returned charters of the four following Lodges, for which other charters have been issued, vizt: Kennebec, Old Colony and Franklin, by the same titles; and Sylvan by the title of "Friendly Society."

One bundle labelled "Charter and papers of Harmonic Lodge, extinct."

One tin case labelled "Charters of Amity, Rising Sun, Rising States and Marine Lodges, and the seal of Harmonic Lodge."

One bundle labelled "Miscellaneous papers, from 1801 to 1811, Marietta Lodge, Portland Lodge and Ancient Landmark Lodge, etc."

One bundle labelled "Communications from the Grand Lodge of England and Ireland, to 1811, and Nova Scotia and Lower Canada, 1808."

One bundle labelled "Communications from the Grand Lodges of New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Ohio, 1811."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the first Masonic District, 1811. N. 1."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the second Masonic District, 1811. N. 2."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the third Masonic District, 1811. N. 3."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the fourth Masonic District, 1811. No. 4."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the fifth Masonic District, 1811. N. 5."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the sixth Masonic District, 1811. N. 6."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the seventh Masonic District, 1811. N. 7."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the eighth Masonic District, 1811. N. 8."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the ninth Masonic District, 1809. N. 9."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the tenth and eleventh Masonic Districts, 1810. N. 10."

One bundle labelled "Returns of the twelfth Masonic District, 1811. N. 11."

One bundle labelled "Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts for the years 1803, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 1811."

One bundle labelled "Timothy Bigelow's Eulogy on the Life, Character and Services of Bro. George Washington, February 11, 1800."

One, John W. Gurley's Address to the Grand Lodge, December 27, 1802.

One, Isaiah Thomas' Address to the Grand Lodge, December 9, 1805.

One, Henry M. Lisle's Address to the Grand Lodge, December 27, 1805.

One bundle labelled "Charters, records, seal and jewels of Philanthropic Lodge, Marblehead, receiv'd in Grand Lodge June 8th, 1812:" the jewels are as follows, vizt: Master's, Sen. and Jun. Wardens', Treasurer's, Secretary's, Sen. and Jun. Deacons', Sen. and Jun. Stewards' and Tyler's.

One book of acco'ts with subordinate Lodges and a book — Treasurer's acco'ts — both labelled "Massachusetts Grand Lodge."

One book labelled "Masonic Districts of Massachusetts."

One book labelled "Charity Fund of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts."

He has also in his possession (rec'd from the late Grand Treasurer, Allen Crocker,) one gold Urn (in a Mahogany case) containing a lock of hair of the Immortal Washington; a copperplate for Master's diplomas, six white satin aprons, five cotton and two leather aprons, five pair leather gloves, two cushions, purple silk bag for Treasurer, two knit and two lutestring sashes, two truncheons for Marshals, two silver seals; gilt square, level and plumb; four wood, gilt and two metal pillars; twelve old collars and three small swords; sundry crape ribbons, etc., and two small trunks. He has deliver'd to the Grand Secretary the following papers, which were received from the late Grand Treasurer, vizt: five blank charters, one hundred and forty-eight blank commissions for Deputy Grand Masters, one hundred and ten ditto for the re-appointment of District Deputy Grand Masters, and fifty-nine ditto for Dist. Deputy Grand Masters to hold a Deputy Grand Lodge for constituting Lodges and installing

their officers, and thirty-two diplomas for Past Masters; also a mahogany box for the safe keeping of the records and papers.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
Grand Treasurer.

BOSTON, December 12, 1812.

The foregoing report, being read, was unanimously accepted, and on motion, VOTED, That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be presented to the Grand Treasurer for the correct and effectual manner in which he has discharged the special duty assigned him.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The sixth Section of the General Regulations of the Grand Lodge makes it the duty of the Committee of Finance to examine the records of the Grand Secretaries, audit the account of the Grand Treasurer, and designate the compensation to be allowed for their services.

The Committee of Finance have attended the duty assign'd them and ask leave to report,

That they found the accounts of the Grand Treasurer perfectly correct; and that he has received the present Masonic year the sum of $1,390.14 cents, which added to the balance in his hands the last year makes $1,858.07.

That he has expended and paid $1,898.63 cents, 1,000 dollars of which has been transferred to the Charity Fund; for all which he produced proper vouchers: thus a balance of $40.56 is now due to him.

That the funds of the Grand Lodge consist in a United States certificate for 4,000 dollars, three per cent. stock.

That in consideration of the additional duties devolving upon the Grand Treasurer, since the adoption of the new Constitution, the committee do recommend that he be allowed and paid for his services the year past, $150.

The committee find that the Recording Grand Secretary has also faithfully perform'd his duty; that the transactions of the Grand Lodge have been entered into the Book of Records in a fair, regular and elegant manner; and do recommend that he be allowed 250 dollars for his services, and the additional sum

of thirty dollars for transcribing the records into the Transcript book, agreeably to the General Regulations.

Your committee further report, That notwithstanding the immediate distribution of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Lodge to the District Deputy Grand Masters, and to the subordinate Lodges under this Jurisdiction, two only of the District Deputy Grand Masters have discharged their duty. The Right Worshipful John Dixwell, of the First District, duly made his return, by which it appears that he has collected 242 dollars, of which he has been allowed 30 dollars for his expenses; the balance of $212 is received by the Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful John Abbot, Esq., of the Fifth District, has faithfully performed his duty and collected 112 dollars, of which he has been allowed 16 dollars for expenses; the balance has been paid over to the Grand Treasurer.

The Right Worshipful James D. Hopkins, Esq., of the Ninth District, writes that he has received about $400, and will send them on with the returns in a few days; for further particulars respecting his District, see his letter.

The committee were directed to furnish each Lodge with a copy of their report, respecting the remission of dues to the Grand Lodge, accepted in September last; but it being so near the close of the year, and as the annual communication to all the Lodges will be issued in January, the committee are of opinion that, as it must be attended with considerable expense to print circular letters for the purpose, the insertion of the report in the annual communication will answer every purpose contemplated by the Grand Lodge.

The committee would have been happy to have had it in their power to lay before the Grand Lodge an accurate statement of all the sums due; but since their report upon that subject, in June last, they have received [returns] from three or four only of the District Deputy Grand Masters.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE.
JOHN DIXWELL.
JOHN B. HAMMATT.

BOSTON, 12th December, 5812.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The time assigned by the Constitution for a choice of Grand Officers for the Masonic Year 5813, having arrived, the M.W'l Grand Master withdrew and the R't Worshipful Francis J. Oliver, Senior Grand Warden, took the Chair.

A committee of three, vizt: Bro's Andrew Sigourney, ——— ——— and Foster Swift were chosen to collect, assort and count the votes for the several candidates.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for a Grand Master, and the committee having collected and counted the ballots reported, that the M.W'l and Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Esq., was re-elected.

A committee of five, vizt: Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Shubael Bell, John Abbot, John Dixwell and Nath. Dana, were appointed to wait upon the M.W. Grand Master-elect, by whom he was introduced into the hall and re-conducted to the Chair of Solomon.

The Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the other officers as required by the Constitution, and the committee, having collected and counted the ballots, reported the following Brethren to be chosen, vizt:

R.W. Bro. Benja. Russell .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. John Abbot . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Bro. And'w Sigourney	re-elected Grand Treasurer.
R.W. Jno. Soley	re-elected Grand Secretary.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then announced his appointment of the Right W'l Francis J. Oliver, as Deputy Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, for the Masonic Year 5813.

The Grand Treasurer, as a member of the Board of Trustees to Grand Charity Fund, reported a statement the result of which shows the amount of that Fund to be 1,144.52 dollars.

Proceedings Against the Delinquent Members of the late Rising States Lodge.

In conformity to a report of a committee made and accepted at the Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge in June last, a regular Masonic summons was directed to be issued and served by the Grand Marshal on those members of the late Ris-

ing States Lodge who had refused to comply with the Regulations of the Grand Lodge.

SUMMONS.

From the East, the West and the South of the Most Worshipful, the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, in and for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

To Brother ————————,

GREETING:

You are hereby summoned to appear before the M.W'l Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, aforesaid, at their Annual Communication, which will be holden at Masons Hall, Ann Street, Boston, on the 14th day of December next, being the second Monday in said month; then and there to show cause, if any you have, why a decree of expulsion should not be passed upon you, as a member of the late Rising States Lodge, for not complying with the requisitions of the M.W. Grand Lodge, as made known by the acceptance of the report of their committee at their Quarterly Communication, September the 9th, A.L. 5811; and the Grand Marshal is directed to serve this summons upon you and to make return accordingly.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

Signed, TIMOTHY BIGELOW, G. M.
FRANCIS J. OLIVER, S. G. W.
BENJAMIN RUSSELL, J. G. W.

BOSTON, 28th October, A.L. 5812.

RETURN OF THE GRAND MARSHAL.

In conformity to the directions of the M.W. Grand Lodge, I have personally served the following Brethren with a regular Masonic summons (of which the annexed is a copy), commanding them to appear before the said Grand Lodge at their Annual Communication in December next, vizt: A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——, D—— G——, S—— D—— and E—— B——; to each summons was annexed a copy of the report of a committee on that subject, which was accepted at the last Communication of the Grand Lodge.

I also waited upon Bro. S—— W——, stated the subject to him and received for answer, That the affair of the Rising States Lodge was conducted in his absence, and was in his opinion, anti-Masonic in the highest degree and subversive of every principle upon which our noble Institution is founded; that when he received his share of the funds he made a minute of the sum, and knowing it did not belong to him determined to convert it to charitable purposes; that the greater part of it has been disposed of in that manner, of which he had kept a regular account, and also the names of the persons who had been so relieved, to the truth of which he is willing to make oath.

And, also, that the remainder should be appropriated to Masonic charity, or if the Grand Lodge thought proper to direct the disposition of it, he would cheerfully acquiesce.

Signed, HENRY FOWLE,
Grand Marshal.

To R.W. John Soley, G'd Sec'y.

The Grand Marshal would further observe that Brothers P—— R——, Jr., and J—— C——, were confined to their chambers, by sickness, and Bro. P—— H—— has removed nearly an hundred miles from town.

The foregoing Summons and Return being read, the M.W. Grand Master directed the persons therein-named to be called, to come into the Grand Lodge and answer to the summons they had received. The Grand Marshal then called the names of A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——, D—— G——, E—— B—— and S—— D——; the five former did not appear to answer; the latter, vizt: S—— D—— appeared and upon the oath of a Mason declared, That he had disposed of all the money he had received, as his dividend of the stock of the late Rising States Lodge (excepting a small balance which he had mentally devoted to the relief of the widows McE—— and B——), to Masonic objects of charity. Brother D—— then paid the aforesaid balance, being $——, into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, at the same time recommended the aforesaid widows to the charitable notice of the Grand Lodge.

On motion, VOTED, That Brother S—— D—— be assigned a seat in Grand Lodge the remainder of the evening, and his

recommendation of the widows McE—— and B—— be refer'd to the committee on the widow P——'s petition.

A motion was made and seconded that the connection subsisting between J—— B—— and this Grand Lodge should be dissolved; and that the question be taken by ballot. Passed.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot upon the question, "Shall the connection subsisting between J—— B—— and this Grand Lodge be now dissolved?" The ballots being returned and counted, the M.W. Grand Master declared the question to be determined in the affirmative, and ordered proclamation to be made thereof.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the connection between J—— B—— and this Grand Lodge to be dissolved.

A motion was made and seconded, That A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——, D—— G—— and E—— B——, members of the late Rising States Lodge, be expelled from the Institution of Masonry, its privileges, benefits and immunities, and that the question be decided by ballot. Passed in the affirmative.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot upon the question, "Shall A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——. D—— G—— and E—— B—— be expelled from the Institution of Masonry, its privileges, benefits and immunities?"

The Grand Lodge, having balloted separately for each of the afore-mentioned individuals, and the ballots being returned and counted, the Most Worshipful Grand Master declared the question upon each ballot to be decided in the affirmative; and that A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——, D—— G—— and E—— B—— were accordingly expelled from the Institution of Masonry, its privileges, benefits and immunities; and the Grand Marshal was directed to make proclamation thereof.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed, "In the name of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and by command of the M.W. Grand Master thereof, I now proclaim to every member of the Masonic body, that A—— L——, J—— B——, S—— F——, D—— G—— and E—— B—— are expelled [from] the Institution of Masonry, its privileges, benefits and immunities, of which all good Masons are to take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

On motion, VOTED, That a committee of five, vizt: R't W'l and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, R't W'l Bro. S. Bell, R't W'l Bro. John Abbot, R't W'l Bro. John Dixwell and R't W'l John Soley be appointed a committee to draft a report of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge on the important question decided this evening, and also an address to all the Lodges under its Jurisdiction, stating the causes of the expulsions, and to report the next Quarterly Communication.

On motion, VOTED, That the Grand Marshal be a committee to wait upon the Master of Massachusetts Lodge and request the favor of this Lodge-room for the use of the Grand Lodge on the evening of Saint John's day.

Inventory of the regalia of the Grand Lodge as reported by the Grand Stewards to be in their care, December 14th, A.L. 5812, vizt:

REGALIA.

3	Great Lights.	12	Small Candlesticks.
1	Mallet.	1	Candle Box.
2	Truncheons.	10	Tumblers.
1	Old Constitution.	5	Doz. Wine Glasses.
1	New Constitution.	6	Doz. Small Plates.
5	G'd Past Master's Jewels.	1	Doz. Large Plates.
1	Dist. D'y G'd Master's do.	3	Large Pitchers.
18	Jewels.	12	Small Pitchers.
19	Aprons and Sashes.	15	Bottles.
12	Leathern Aprons.	1	Demijohn.
1	Sword and Belt.	1	Large Knife and Fork.
1	Marshal's Sash.	6	Doz. Small ditto.
3	Trunch'ns, Sq'rs and C'p's.	6	Wands.
3	Large Candlesticks.	1	Hat.

1 Tyler's Sword.

Signed, MICHAEL ROULSTONE,
Senior Grand Steward.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed until the 28th day of December, A.L. 5812.

JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE convened according to adjournment at Masons Hall, Boston, 28th December, A.L. 5812, for the installment of the Grand Officers elected and appointed for the year 5813.

PRESENT.

M.W. The Hon. TIMO. BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. BENJA. RUSSELL .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT . . .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOS. REDMAN . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW . . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN .	
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	
R.W. ELIJAH LEARNARD .	
R.W. THOS. CREHORE . .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. WILLIAM EATON .	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and several representatives of Lodges under the Jurisdiction.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PETITION OF WIDOW PARLIN.

The committee to whom was referr'd the petition of the Rev'd Joseph Willard, in behalf of his daughter, H—— P——, widow of I—— P——, deceased, and likewise the recommendation of Simeon Dow, of the widows McE—— and B——, having attended that service, ask leave to report, That the sum of fifty dollars be paid to the Widow P——; also the sum of five dollars each to widows McE—— and B——; and that the Rev'd Bro. Ezra Ripley, of Concord, be a committee to present the former

and Bro. Simeon Dow the two latter sums, as charitable donations from the Grand Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN SOLEY.
A. SIGOURNEY.
H. FOWLE.

December 28, 1812.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The M.W. Grand Master made the following appointments, which were proclaimed by the Grand Marshal for the ensuing year:

The R.W'l Bros. Henry Fowle, John Dixwell and Jno. B. Hammatt to be a Committee of Finance.

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. & Rev. ASA EATON	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ELIJAH LEARNED	Grand Stewards.
R.W. THOMAS CREHORE	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. DANIEL WITHINGTON	2d Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R.W. ASA PEABODY	of Boston,	1st	District
R.W. JOSEPH BAKER	of Salem,	2nd	do.
R.W. & Rev. JOTHAM WATERMAN	of Barnstable,	3rd	do.
R.W. ABNER MORSE	of Medway,	4th	do.
R.W. JOSIAH ADAMS	of Framingham,	5th	do.
R.W. & Rev. JAMES J. THOMPSON	of Barre,	6th	do.
R.W. ELIJAH ALVORD	of Greenfield,	7th	do.
R.W. JOHN WHITING, ESQ.	of Great Barrington,	8th	do.
R.W. JAMES D. HOPKINS	of Portland,	9th	do.
R.W. & Rev. SAMUEL THATCHER.	of Warren,	10th	do.
R.W. EBEN'R INGLEE	of Machias,	11th	do.
R.W. PETER HUSSEY	of Nantucket,	12th	do.

The newly elected officers were severally installed, invested and received the obligation required by the Constitution; and the Grand Lodge was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal to be duly organized for the year ensuing.

John Loring was admitted proxy for Mt. Vernon Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in Due Form, to stand closed until the 8th day of March next ensuing.

John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the evening of the 8th of March, A.L. 5813.

The following Grand Officers were present:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
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with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and the representatives of Lodges under this Jurisdiction hereafter named, vizt:

St. John's	Boston.	Corinthian	Concord.
Massachusetts	Boston.	Montgomery	Medway.
Trinity	Lancaster.	Meridian Sun	Brookfield.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Hiram	Lexington.
Federal	Blanford.	Mt. Moriah	Reading.
Hancock	Castine.	Mt. Lebanon	Boston.
Columbian	Boston.	Pacific	Sunderland.
Washington	Roxbury.	Union	Nantucket.
Kennebec	Hallowell.	Wisdom	W. Stockbridge.
Thomas	Monson.	St. George's	Warren.
Jerusalem	Williamsburg.	Anct. Landmark	Portland.
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	Mt. Vernon	Belchertown.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Jordan	Danvers.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

Bro. ROBERT LASH, JR. of Boston for Kennebec Lodge.
Bro. BENJA. MEAD of Boston for Hancock Lodge.
Bro. THOS. P. JACKSON of Boston for Federal Lodge.
Bro. FOSTER SWIFT of Boston for Union Lodge.
Bro. SAMUEL THAXTER of Boston for Old Colony Lodge.
Bro. ELIJAH MORSE, St. George's Lodge.

A petition was presented by William Hackett, Joseph Thomas, Enoch Ilsley, William Miller, Enoch Hardy, Joseph Lord, Benj. Mason and Belford Burnham, all Brethren of the Craft, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge in the second parish in the town of Wells, in the county of York, by the name of York Lodge, which petition was supported by certificates of approbation from Ancient Landmark Lodge and by the recommendation of J. D. Hopkins, District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District; which petition being read and considered, it was, on motion, VOTED, That the prayer thereof be granted.

A petition was presented, signed by Elijah Northrup, Caleb Hyde and others, members of Evening Star, stating that the peculiar situation of that Lodge in the year 5805 made it necessary their meetings should be suspended. They now pray that the M.W. Grand Lodge would grant them a dispensation to assemble as a regular Lodge under their old charter; and promise a strict conformity to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Lodge.

The foregoing petition being read, it was on motion, VOTED, That the prayer thereof be granted.

A petition for charity was presented by Brother Richard Skidmore of Danvers, supported by a recommendation from Jordan Lodge, which being read was committed to Bros. Swift, Baker and Dixwell, who reported that the sum of forty dollars be paid by the Grand Treasurer into the hands of Brother Andrew Nichols, Master of Jordan Lodge, to be by him applied to the relief of the necessities of the petitioner.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A remonstrance was presented, sign'd by Samuel Willard, Abraham Haskell, Ede Whitaker and Jacob Thompson, being a committee chosen by Thomas Lodge, which contains the following allegations against Humanity Lodge, vizt:

1st. They admitted to initiation a candidate who had not at a previous meeting been enter'd on the minutes of their Lodge.

2nd. They admitted to initiation a candidate from Monson, in the vicinity of Thomas Lodge, without obtaining the assent of the Master and Wardens of Thomas Lodge to the proceeding.

3rd. They initiated and admitted into their Lodge a person of known intemperance.

The remonstrance also anticipates the preferment of a petition from Humanity Lodge for the removal thereof from Holland to Brimfield, and protests against such removal as injurious to the cause of Masonry in general and to the interests of Thomas Lodge in particular.

The foregoing remonstrance being read it was thereupon VOTED, That the R.W. A. Sigourney, R.W. Benj. Russell and R.W. and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris be a committee to hear and consider the same so far as relates to the three allegations therein contained; likewise, that said committee be authorized to summon the respective parties to appear before them at such time and place as they may deem proper. It was further order'd that the remonstrance remain on file, to meet the expected petition from Humanity Lodge for removal.

A communication from Eastern Lodge, signed by the Master and Wardens, stating that for reasons therein contained they had expelled Brother Asa Keith from their Lodge, which being read was committed to Bros. Russell, Swift and Dana, who reported thereon as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed upon the question of expelling Asa Keith from Eastern Lodge are of the opinion that the crime intimated is not specifically set forth, and, if rightly understood, that the said Keith was amenable to the laws of the land; and that the Grand Lodge are not inclined to take any order upon the communication; and report, That the Grand Secretary be directed to advise Eastern Lodge thereof.

BENJ. RUSSELL,
Per order.

Read and accepted.

VOTED, That a committee be raised by nomination from the Chair, to take into consideration the expediency of granting leave to subordinate Lodges, in certain cases, to initiate candidates, gratis.

The M. Worshipful Grand Master nominated the R.W. Henry Fowle, Benj. Russell and John Dixwell, which nomination was accepted by the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That Brothers Andrew Sigourney, John Dixwell and Henry Fowle be a committee to call upon the late members of the Rising States Lodge and receive from them their several proportions of the stock of said Lodge, in conformity to a report accepted in Grand Lodge, September 9th, 5811.

Communications were received from the Grand Lodges in England, Ireland, Virginia and Maryland.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed until the second Monday in June next ensuing.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the 10th day of June, A.L. 5813, when the following Brethren were present:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOS. REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
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Federal	Blanford.	Mount Lebanon	Boston.
Hancock	Castine.	Aurora	Leominster.
Columbian	Boston.	Union	Nantucket.
Washington	Roxbury.	Constellation	Dedham.
Kennebec	Hallowell.	Wisdom	W. Stockbridge.
Thomas	Monson.	Solar	Bath.
Jerusalem	Williamsburg.	Amicable	Cambridgeport.
Fellowship	Bridgewater.	St. George's	Warren.
Corinthian	Concord.	Ancient Landmark	Portland.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Jordan	Danvers.
Humanity	Holland.	Thompson	Rutland.

Report of the committee on the charges brought by Thomas Lodge against Humanity Lodge, vizt:

The committee to whom was committed the complaint of Thomas Lodge, of Monson, against Humanity Lodge, in Holland, for un-Masonic conduct and breach of the laws of the Grand Lodge, have attended the duty assigned them and report:

That they find the first two charges in said complaint admitted by Humanity Lodge, but to the first they plead ignorance of the law; and that as soon as they were made acquainted with it, desisted from any further proceeding with the initiated Brother, until they should have the sanction of the Grand Lodge therefor. In mitigation of the second charge they aver (and it was not disallowed by Thomas' Lodge), that the character of the candidate proposed and initiated was as well known at the time he was proposed as it would have been a month afterward; and from their conception of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, they had a right to dispense with their own laws. It does not then appear to your committee that Humanity Lodge has intentionally infringed upon the Laws and Constitution of the Grand Lodge. The third charge in said complaint was not, in the opinion of your committee, substantiated, and ought not to have been preferred against the Lodge.

Your committee therefore recommend that said complaint be dismissed and that Humanity Lodge be authorized to proceed with the candidates by them initiated, and harmony and good-fellowship be strongly recommended by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge to both Lodges.

In the investigation of this subject your committee find, That some of the evidence produced has been taken and sworn to before a civil officer; and as our Institution is not recognized by the civil authority, and as every Mason, at his initiation, is laid under solemn obligation, his giving evidence under that obligation ought to be sufficient. All which is submitted by Andrew Sigourney and Benjamin Russell, a majority of the committee.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

N.B. The R.W. and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris, being one of the committee and not able to attend their deliberations, presented to the chairman his opinion in writing, on the foregoing subject, which was order'd to be filed. It is in unison with the report.

The committee to whom was referred the petition from Harmony Lodge, praying that a dispensation might be granted them to meet alternately at Northfield and Warwick, have taken the subject into consideration and submit the following report, vizt: That, in the opinion of your committee, to grant the prayer of the petitioners would establish a precedent, that would have a direct tendency to introduce irregularity and instability; that it would be granting to one Lodge a privilege which another may not possess; that it would place it in the power of one Lodge to encroach on the right of another, thereby creating discord and dissension; that it would prevent the increase of Lodges and the extension of the benefits of Masonry.

Your committee think it unnecessary to enumerate the numerous reasons which might be further adduced to shew cause why the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted; and they recommend that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

Your committee have presumed to recommend further, although their commission does not fully embrace this object, that it be hereafter the Standing Regulation of this Grand Lodge, that permission shall not be granted to any Lodge under its Jurisdiction to meet alternately at different towns.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DIXWELL,
For the committee.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A petition was presented by F——, the wife of Brother J—— E——, deceased, praying for the charitable notice of this Grand Lodge; read and committed to Brothers Drew, Horseman and Jenkins, who reported thereon as follows, vizt: The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge on the petition of Widow F—— E——, beg leave to report that they believe the petitioner to be worthy and distressed, and recommend that the prayer of the petition be granted by presenting twenty dollars.

Signed, JOB DREW.
EDW'D HORSEMAN.
JOSEPH JENKINS.

The foregoing report was read
and accepted.

The committee appointed March 8th, 5813, to take into consideration the expediency of remitting in any case the fees payable to the Grand Lodge, on initiations, have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report, vizt:

That from the best information they have been able to obtain, it appears to have been customary, upon the application of a clergyman for initiation, to remit the usual fee. Your committee are therefore of opinion, that in such cases, and in such only, the fee payable to the Grand Lodge, on initiations, may in future be remitted.

All which is respectfully submitted by

HENRY FOWLE.
BENJ. RUSSELL.
JOHN DIXWELL.

The foregoing report being read, it was thereupon, VOTED, That the same be recommitted to the same committee with directions, that they define the denomination of clergymen the report is intended to embrace.

Communications were received from Cumberland Lodge and from Oxford Lodge, covering a circular letter, address'd to each of them, from Solar Lodge, with their replies to the same; likewise a communication from the District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District, on the same subject, whereupon, VOTED, That the circular letter addressed by Solar Lodge to Oxford and Cumberland Lodges, with the communication from the District Deputy Grand Master from the 9th Masonic District, be committed to the R.W'l John Dixwell, Thad's M. Harris, Benj. Russell, Henry Fowle and Joseph Jenkins, to consider and report thereon; and that said committee have authority to send for persons and papers.

The committee appointed to collect balances from the members of the late Rising States Lodge, reported progress and had leave to sit again.

A petition was presented by Humanity Lodge, signed by Stephen Pynchon, per order of the committee, praying that a dispensation might be granted for the removal of s'd Lodge from the town or District of Holland to the town of Brimfield. A remonstrance against the removal of Humanity Lodge to the

town of Brimfield was presented by Thomas Lodge, of Monson; both which, together with the many documents accompanying, were read and committed to the R't W'l Brethren Joseph Jenkins, John B. Hammatt, Henry Fowle, James Thompson, of Barre, and John Dixwell, who are authorized to summon the respective parties to appear before them, and to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

Petitions for charity were presented from L—— M——, widow of C—— M——, and from B—— L——, which were read and committed to the R.W. Benj. Russell, Ephraim Beaman and Michael Roulstone to report thereon.

The following proxies were admitted:

R.W. Jon'a D. Weston of Eastport for Eastern Lodge.
R.W. Jacob Hunt of Boston, Oxford Lodge.
R.W. Joseph Lee, Esq. of Buxtown, Felicity Lodge.
R.W. Edward Horseman, Boston, Portland Lodge.
R.W. Caleb Lincoln of Bath, Solar Lodge.
R.W. Zebina Eastman of Charlestown for Pacific Lodge.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, to stand closed until the second Monday of September next ensuing.

John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, SEPT. 13, A.L. 5813.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, September 13th, A.L. 5813.

PRESENT.

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN J. LORING	Grand Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE . . .	Grand Steward.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from the several Districts, and representatives of Lodges within the Jurisdiction hereafter named, vizt:

St. John's	Boston.	Mount Moriah	Reading.
Massachusetts	Boston.	Mount Zion	Hardwick.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Mount Lebanon	Boston.
Morning Star	Worcester.	Aurora	Leominster.
Columbian	Boston.	Rural	Randolph.
Cincinnatus	N. Marlboro.	Amicable	Cambridgeport.
Kennebec	Hallowell.	Orient	Thomastown.
Union	Dorchester.	Ancient Landmark	Portland.
Thomas	Monson.	Mount Vernon	Belchertown.
Saint Paul's	Groton.	Humanity	Holland.
Meridian	Needham.	King Solomon	Charlestown.

The following proxies were admitted this evening:

WILLIAM GODDARD, Portland, for Ancient Landmark Lodge.
BENJ. B. APPLETON, Boston, for Orient Lodge, Thomastown.

The committee appointed to collect balances from the members of the late Rising States Lodge, reported progress.

The committee on the petition of Humanity Lodge reported progress and had leave to sit again.

A petition was presented from Franklin Lodge, in Cheshire, signed by John Waterman, as a committee for that purpose, praying for a dispensation to remove that Lodge from the town of Cheshire to the town of Adams, in future to hold their meetings there; read and committed to R.W'l Bro. Job Drew, David Moody and Nathaniel Dana to consider and report thereon.

A petition signed by Amos Woodward, Benj. Kimball and Ebenezer Hall, a committee appointed by Harmony Lodge, praying for a dispensation to remove said Lodge from the town of Warwick; read and committed to Bros. Sam'l Thaxter, Joseph Jenkins and Job Drew to consider and report thereon.

A remonstrance from Ancient Landmark, of Portland, signed by William Moody, Oliver Bray, Woodbury Storer, Jr., and Jesse Richards, their committee, complaining of certain un-Masonic and unconstitutional proceedings of Oriental Star Lodge, at Livermore, was read and committed to the R.W. Sam'l Emerson, Master of York Lodge; S. Greenleaf, Past Master of Cumberland Lodge, and Charles Fox, Master of Portland Lodge, to consider and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

A communication from Orient Lodge, at Thomastown, signed by John Miller, making known the expulsion of O—— R—— as a member from said Lodge, for reasons therein set forth, read and committed to Bro. Benj. Russell, Ephraim Beaman and Michael Roulstone, to report thereon.

The following motion, in writing, was made by the R.W'l Brother Andrew Sigourney, vizt:

"That no petition for the removal of a Lodge from the place where it is located, be sustained in Grand Lodge, unless said petition is sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District where such Lodge is situated," which being seconded was read and committed to Bros. Henry Fowle, John B. Hammatt and Thomas Jackson.

A petition signed by John Wilder, W.M. of Morning Star Lodge, and twenty-seven others, visitors, members and officers of said Lodge, together with a remonstrance, signed by Ephraim

Mower, Senior Warden of Morning Star Lodge, and nineteen others, present and former officers and members of s'd Lodge, for and against the removal of said Lodge from the town of Worcester to the town of Leicester, was presented and read.

Whereupon, VOTED, That the said petition and remonstrance be committed to a committee of three, to be nominated and appointed by the M't Worshipful Grand Master.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master has been pleased to nominate and appoint Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Past Grand Master, of Worcester; Sumner Barstow, Esq., of Sutton; Joel Nurse, Esq., of Shrewsbury, a committee to hear, consider and report on the subject of the foregoing petition and remonstrance.

The Grand Lodge was then closed in DUE FORM, to stand closed until the second Monday in December next ensuing.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS held at Masons Hall, Boston, 13th December, A.L. 5813.

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Senior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. THADDEUS M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Masonic Districts, and the representatives of the following Lodges under the Jurisdiction, vizt:

St. John's	Boston.	Fellowship	Bridgewater.
St. Andrew's	Boston.	Corinthian	Concord.
Portland	Portland.	Montgomery	Medway.
Massachusetts	Boston.	Meridian Sun	Brookfield.
Trinity	Lancaster.	Meridian	Needham.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Rising Star	Canton.
Essex	Salem.	Mt. Lebanon	Boston.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Pacific	Sunderland.
Federal	Blanford.	Harris	Templeton.
Morning Star	Worcester.	Amicable	Cambridgeport.
Republican	Greenfield.	Orient	Thomastown.
Columbian	Boston.	St. George's	Warren.
Washington	Roxbury.	Ancient Landmark	Portland.
Kennebec	Hallowell.	Mount Vernon	Belchertown.
Thomas	Monson.	Pentucket	Chelmsford.
Jerusalem	Williamsburg.	Oxford	Paris.
Jordan	Danvers.	Fredonia	Northboro.
Humanity	Holland.		

The following reports of committees were made, vizt:

The committee appointed to take into consideration the expediency of remitting, in any case, the fees payable to the Grand

Lodge, on initiations, have attended to the duty assigned them and ask leave to report:

That from the best information they have been able to obtain, it appears to have been customary upon the application of ordained and permanently settled clergymen, for initiation, to remit the usual fee. Your committee are therefore of opinion that in such cases, and such only, the fee payable to the Grand Lodge, on initiation, may in future be remitted.

Respectfully submitted by

HENRY FOWLE,
JOHN DIXWELL, } Committee.
BENJ. RUSSELL,

BOSTON, Dec'r 10th, 5813.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was refer'd the petitions of L—— M—— and B—— L——, for charity, reported verbally by their chairman, Bro. Benj'a Russell, vizt: That the petition of L—— M—— lie on the table for consideration, and that B—— L—— have leave to withdraw her petition. No vote was taken upon the report.

The committee to whom was committed the petition of Humanity Lodge, for permission to remove from Holland to Brimfield, have attended to the duty assigned them, and after the most mature consideration, and hearing the parties, the majority of the committee are of opinion, that the prayer of the petition should be granted. All which is submitted.

HENRY FOWLE.
JOHN B. HAMMATT.

BOSTON, December 13th, 5813.

This may certify that it is my decided opinion that the prayer of the petition of Humanity Lodge, for a removal from Holland to Brimfield, ought to be granted.

JAMES THOMPSON,
One of the committee on said petition.

BARRE, October 11th, 1813.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee appointed by the M't W. Grand Master, in conformity to the vote of the M.W. Grand Lodge at the Quar-

terly Communication September 13th, 5813, to consider of and report on the petition of Bro. John Wilder, W'l Master, and others, for removing Morning Star Lodge from Worcester to Leicester; and also the remonstrance of Bro. Ephraim Moore, Worshipful Senior Warden, and others, officers and members of s'd Lodge, against its removal, have attended to that duty, and submit to the M't W. Grand Lodge the following report:

That they met at the house of Bro. Major Healey, in Worcester, Dec'r 3rd, A.L. 5813, at 2 o'clock P. M., having previously notified the petitioners and remonstrants to attend at that time and place; that both parties did accordingly attend, and a fair and full bearing was had on the subject. The result of which is the unanimous opinion of your committee that it is not expedient, at present, to remove s'd Morning Star Lodge from Worcester.

ISAIAH THOMAS,
SUMNER BARSTOW.
JOEL NURSE.

WORCESTER, December 4th, A.L. 5813.

The foregoing report was accepted.

The committee on the collection of balances from members of the late Rising States Lodge, reported progress and had leave to sit again.

The committees on the petitions of Harmony and Franklin Lodges, for removal, reported progress and had leave to continue their sittings.

The committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred a circular letter, said to have been issued by Solar Lodge, in the town of Bath, with proceedings of other Lodges on the same, and a communication of the District Deputy Grand Master on this subject, ask leave to report:

That they have examined the papers submitted to them and are of opinion, that they contain ample evidence of such a letter having been sent by Solar Lodge to the several Lodges in the District of Maine; that having maturely considered the nature and tendency of said circular, they would represent that Solar Lodge, in the adoption and circulation of it, have violated their duty as a regular Lodge, under the Jurisdiction of the Grand

Lodge; have manifested an open contempt of its authority as the parent Lodge, which has the sole cognizance of complaints against any of its officers, or measures; and they have, by strong implication, called in question the justice of the Grand Lodge.

The committee have not deemed it expedient to inquire whether the grievances enumerated, or the charges made against certain officers of the Grand Lodge, for inattention to the duties of their officers, were real or imaginary, just or unjust, because the discussion of them cannot be entered into by the Grand Lodge, until regularly laid before them. But your committee are of opinion that such must have been the apparent spirit of insubordination, or extreme ignorance of Masonic obligations, in which the proceedings of Solar Lodge originated, as to require the prompt attention and censure of the Grand Lodge; they therefore recommend, That the Grand Marshal be directed to summon the Master and Wardens of said Solar Lodge, to appear before the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth at its Communication on the second Monday of March next, at 8 o'clock P. M., then and there to shew cause, if any they have, why the charter of s'd Solar Lodge should not be revoked, and its name be erased from the list of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

The committee embrace the present occasion to inform the Grand Lodge, that the anti-Masonic example exhibited by Solar Lodge, has not, as they have been able to ascertain, been imitated by any Lodge to which the circular was addressed, but that in several Lodges its assertions have been denied as they respected them; many of its complaints were shewn to be unjust, or, if just, not to have been made to the constitutional tribunal, and the disloyal spirit and tendency of it has been exposed and condemned.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DIXWELL,
THADDEUS M. HARRIS,
BENJ. RUSSELL, } Committee.
HENRY FOWLE,
JOSEPH JENKINS,

BOSTON, 13th Dec., 1813.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee of the Grand Lodge to whom was referred a communication of Orient Lodge, representing that O—— R——, a former member of that Lodge, had been expelled from any further association with them, for that the said R—— had been found to have been guilty of divers frauds, as a Collector of Taxes; particularly in having charged and collected from several Brethren of the Fraternity and from their widows, larger sums than they had been legally assessed, and praying that proceedings of the Grand Lodge might be had on the subject, report: That the proceedings of Orient Lodge in the case appear to have been cautious and fraternal; that the committee appointed to inquire into the subject had ascertained more than twenty instances of fraud, and that in expelling said R—— they have manifested a due regard for the honor of the Craft and the welfare of the widow and fatherless, whom it is their praise to relieve and protect; and, therefore, the committee recommend that the Grand Lodge do confirm the proceedings of Orient Lodge, in the expulsion of said O—— R——; and that it be deemed disreputable for Masons to recognize him as a Brother. Which is submitted.

BENJ. RUSSELL,
MICH'L ROULSTONE, } Committee.
EPHR'M BEAMAN,

BOSTON, 13th Dec., 5813.

The foregoing report was accepted.

The Committee on Finance have attended to the duty assigned them by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge and ask leave to report, That they have examined the accounts of the Grand Treasurer and found them perfectly correct and properly vouched; that he has received during the present Masonic year the sum of eleven hundred and thirty-six dollars and six cents, and expended thirteen hundred and fifty-three dollars and twenty-three cents, leaving a balance due to the Treasurer of two hundred and nineteen [sic] dollars and seventeen cents. That the funds of the Grand Lodge consist of a United States Certificate of four thousand dollars, of three per cent. stock, independent of the Grand Charity Fund. The committee do recommend that

the Grand Treasurer be allowed and paid for his services the year past, one hundred and fifty dollars.

The committee have also examined the records of the Recording Grand Secretary and find that he has faithfully performed his duty, and that the records of the Grand Lodge are kept in a regular and elegant manner; and do recommend that he be allowed and paid for his services the year past, two hundred and fifty dollars.

It is with pleasure your committee report, that the R.W'l Asa Peabody, Esq., of the First District; the R't W'l Abner Morse, Esq., of the Fourth District, and the R't W'l Peter Hussey, Esq., of the Twelfth District, have discharged their duties and paid the money collected to the Grand Treasurer.

It is, however, to be regretted that others of the District Deputy Grand Masters who have been in the habit of regularly visiting the Lodges under their Jurisdiction, and performing their various duties, have not been punctual in making their returns as required by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

Your committee are deeply impressed with the importance of calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the continued delinquency of the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Sixth and Ninth Districts, who, notwithstanding they have been repeatedly solicited by the Grand Treasurer and Committee of Finance to pay the money which they acknowledge to have received, have neglected to perform that important duty.

In consequence of this culpable negligence, the Grand Treasurer has been in continual advance of money to defray the necessary expenses of the Grand Lodge, and your committee do recommend that some prompt and decisive measure be adopted to remedy this serious and important evil.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY FOWLE,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
JOHN DIXWELL, } Committee of Finance.

BOSTON, 11th Dec'r, 5813.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A petition from Harris Lodge, praying for a dispensation to remove said Lodge from the town of Gerry to the town of Tem-

pleton, read and committed to Bros. Asa Peabody, Jon'a Whitney and Joseph Baker, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication. It was farther thereon VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be so far granted as that said Lodge have leave to remove to Templeton, subject to be revoked or confirmed at the next Quarterly Communication.

The time assigned by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers for the Masonic Year 5814 having arrived, a committee of three, vizt: Brothers Shubael Bell, Jonathan Whitney and Joseph Baker were chosen a committee to collect, assort and count the votes for the several candidates. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for a Grand Master and the committee, having collected and counted the ballots, reported that the Right Worshipful Bro. Benj. Russell was chosen. The R.W. John Abbot then took the Chair as Grand Master, pro tem.

VOTED, That Brother John Dixwell, Henry Fowle, Asa Peabody, Joseph Baker and Abner Morse be a committee to wait upon the Grand Master-elect, inform him of his election and report. The committee reported, that the Grand Master-elect accepted his appointment; introduced him into the hall and conducted him to the Chair of Solomon.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the other officers, as required by Constitution, and the committee having collected and counted the ballots, reported the following Brethren to be chosen:

R.W. JOHN ABBOT . . .	Senior Grand Warden.	
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Junior Grand Warden.	
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.	Unanimously.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . .	Recording Grand Secretary.	

VOTED, That the R't W'l John Dixwell, Henry Fowle and Shubael Bell, be a committee to see that the records of the Grand Lodge are properly transcribed and report at the meeting for installation.

An Inventory of the furniture and regalia belonging to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, December 11th, 5813.

1 Great Light, Square and Compasses.

19 Satin Aprons, 18 Jewels, 19 Sashes.

11 White Aprons, 2 Trunks, 2 Swords.
Marshal's Sash and Wands, 2 old Truncheons.
5 Past G'd Master's Jewels, 1 Book of Constitutions.
1 Book Past G'd Master Thomas's Address.

3 large Candlesticks.	1 Candlebox.
12 small ditto.	10 Tumblers.
5 doz. Wine glasses.	5 doz. small plates.
1 doz. large plates.	2 large pitchers.
15 Bottles.	12 small do.
1 Demijohn.	1 large knife and fork.
6 Wands.	6 doz. small knives and forks.
1 Grand Master's Hat.	1 Mallet.

2 Truncheons.

MICHAEL ROULSTONE,
Senior Grand Steward.

The following proxies were admitted for 5814:

WILLIAM GODDARD of Boston for Ancient Landmark Lodge, Portland.
ELIJAH MORSE of Boston for St. George's Lodge, Warren.
GEORGE GRINNELL, Republican Lodge, Greenfield.
JUSTUS KEYES, Humanity Lodge, Holland.

The committee on the motion of Bro. Andrew Sigourney respecting the form of petitions for removal of Lodges, made a report which was read and, thereupon, VOTED, That the same be recommitted to the same committee for consideration and amendment. [Grand Lodge closed.]

The Most W'l Grand Lodge convened at Masons Hall, Boston, according to the Constitution, on the 27th day of December, Anno Lucis 5813, for the installment of the Grand Officers, elected and appointed for the year 5814.

PRESENT.

M.W. & Hon. TIMO. BIGELOW, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and the representatives of several Lodges, vizt:

St. John's	Boston.	Harmony	Northfield.
St. Andrew's	Boston.	Union	Dorchester.
Portland	Portland.	St. Paul's	Groton.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	Corinthian	Concord
Massachusetts	Boston.	Hiram	Lexington.
Trinity	Lancaster.	Mount Moriah	Reading.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Mount Lebanon	Boston.
Essex	Salem.	Union	Nantucket.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Constellation	Dedham.
Morning Star	Worcester.	Oriental	Bridgetown.
Middlesex	Framingham.	Ancient Landmark	Portland.
Columbian	Boston.	St. George's	Warren.
Washington	Roxbury.	Republican	Greenfield.

The Grand Lodge was opened in AMPLE FORM by the Most W'l Timothy Bigelow, Esq.

The Presiding Grand Master then directed that the Grand Master-elect for the ensuing year, be presented to him for installation.

The M't W'l Benjamin Russell, Esq., was then presented by the Grand Marshal in form, and being duly installed was placed in the Chair of Solomon.

The Grand Master, in the Chair, appointed the following officers for the year ensuing, vizt:

R.W. Francis J. Oliver . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. & Rev. Asa Eaton	Grand Chaplains.
R.W. & Rev. Paul Dean	Grand Chaplains.
R.W. & Rev. Thad's M. Harris . .	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. Henry Fowle . . .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Thomas Redman . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Job Drew	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Michael Roulstone .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Ephraim Beaman . .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. Andrew Roulstone .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. Elijah Learned . .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. William Goddard . .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. Joseph Geo. Sprague .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. Thomas L. Parker .	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. William Eaton . .	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Officers-elect were then presented in their order, duly installed and invested with the badges of their respective offices.

The Grand Master appointed the R.W. Henry Fowle, John Dixwell and John B. Hammatt a Committee of Finance for the year ensuing.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master appointed the Brethren hereafter named, to be District Deputy Grand Masters for the ensuing year, vizt:

R.W. Asa Peabody	of Boston,	for the	1st	District
R.W. R. H. French, Esq.	of Marblehead,	"	2nd	do.
R.W. & Rev. Jotham Waterman	of Barnstable,	"	3rd	do.
R.W. Abner Morse, Esq.	of Medway,	"	4th	do.
R.W. Caleb Butler, Esq.	of Groton,	"	5th	do.
R.W. Ezek. L. Bascomb,	of Phillipstown,	"	6th	do.
R.W. Elijah Alvord	of Greenfield,	"	7th	do.
R.W. John Whiting, Esq.	of G't Barrington,	"	8th	do.
R.W. Oliver Bray, Esq.	of Portland,	"	9th	do.

R.W. & Hon. Sam'l Thatcher	of Warren,	for the 10th	District
R.W. J. D. Weston, Esq.	of Machias,	" 11th	do.
R.W. Peter Hussey, Esq.	of Nantucket,	" 12th	do.

The Grand Marshal then proclaimed the Grand Lodge to be duly organized for the ensuing year.

The Most Worshipful Grand Master then delivered an elegant and instructive Address on the Rise, Progress and Present State of Masonry.

Voted, That the R't W'l Josiah Bartlett, the Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow and the Rev'd Brother Harris be a committee to wait upon the M.W. Grand Master and request a copy of his Address deliver'd this evening, for the records.

Voted, That the Grand Wardens and the Grand Secretary be a committee to wait upon the H'ble Timothy Bigelow and present him the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his very acceptable services during the period of administration as Grand Master.

Voted, That a committee of three, to be nominated by the Chair, be considered as a Standing Committee on petitions for charity. The Grand Master nominated R.W. Francis J. Oliver, R.W. Shubael Bell and R.W. Jonathan Whitney, who were accepted by the Grand Lodge.

Voted, That the Grand Treasurer's report on the Grand Charity Fund be committed to the Committee of Finance.

The committee appointed to examine the Transcript Book reported, which, for want of room, is recorded in the March Communication.

Grand Lodge closed until the second Monday in March next ensuing.

Attest: John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on the 14th of March, Anno Lucis 5814, when the following Brethren were present, vizt:

R.W. BENJ. RUSSELL, ESQ.	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN	
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	
R.W. ELIJAH LEARNED	
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. THOS. L. PARKER	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and the representatives of the Lodges under-named, vizt:

St. John's,	Boston.	Fellowship.	Amicable.
St. Andrew's,	Boston.	M't Lebanon.	Orient.
Massachusetts,	Boston.	Pacific.	St. George's.
Old Colony.		Union, Nantucket.	Ancient Landmark.
Morning Star.		Oriental.	Jordan.
Washington.		Solar.	Oriental Star.

The following Brethren were admitted as proxies, vizt:

DANIEL L. GIBBENS	for	Solar Lodge, Bath.
ZACHARIAH G. WHITMAN		Oriental Star Lodge, Livermore.
JOHN PROCTOR		Mystic Lodge, Lanesboro.
JOAB HUNT		Oxford Lodge, Paris.
EDWARD HORSEMAN		Portland Lodge, Portland.
ZEBINA EASTMAN		Pacific Lodge, Leverett.

Thomas L. Perkins	Oriental Lodge, Bridgton.
Elijah Morse	St. George's Lodge, Warren.
Samuel Thaxter	Old Colony Lodge.
Foster Swift	Union Lodge, Nantucket.

The following reports of committees were made:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Harris Lodge, praying that said Lodge be removed from Gerry to Templeton, beg leave to report:

That all the information they can obtain on the subject, satisfied them that it will be for the interest of said Lodge, that the prayer of their petition be granted. The committee recommend that the temporary grant of the prayer of said petition, by a vote of the Grand Lodge at their last Quarterly Communication, be now confirmed and made unconditional.

Asa Peabody,
Per order.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Franklin Lodge, situated in Cheshire, in the county of Berkshire, ask leave respectfully to report:

That from the best information which can be obtained, your committee are of opinion that it would be for the interest of the Craft in that quarter of the country, to remove said Lodge from Cheshire to some suitable place in the South village, in the town of Adams, in said county, to hold their regular meetings on Wednesday next preceding the full of the moon; and that said Lodge have no liberty of meeting at any other place after the first day of June next.

Signed, Job Drew, David Moody, } Committee.

Boston, 9th March, 5814.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was committed in September last the petition from the committee of Harmony Lodge, at Northfield, for the removal of the same to Warwick, report:

That in November last they wrote the committee of Harmony Lodge to furnish them with the number of members and how many attended the meeting which voted to petition for the re-

moval, and also with the opinion of their District Deputy Grand Master; late in December they received an answer that Harmony Lodge consisted of twenty-two members, twelve of whom attended the meeting called for the special purpose of petitioning for the removal; ten voted in the affirmative, two in the negative; and that the District Deputy Grand Master said that he was not then prepared to write, as he had never visited Harmony Lodge in his official capacity.

Your committee in February wrote to Elijah Alford, Esq., of Greenfield, who, they were informed, was the District Deputy Grand Master, to favor them with his opinion as to the removal of Harmony Lodge from Northfield to Warwick, and have not received any answer. From information of a Brother of high standing, and who was formerly a member of Harmony Lodge, they find that Warwick is more central for the members of the Lodge than Northfield. They therefore unanimously report that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and that Harmony Lodge have leave to remove from Northfield to Warwick under such regulations as the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge may direct.

Signed, SAMUEL THAXTER,
Per order.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts:

The committee to whom was referred the memorial of Ancient Landmark Lodge, a copy of which, with the vote of the Grand Lodge thereon, is hereunto annexed, having notified Ancient Landmark and Oriental Star Lodges of the time and place of their meeting,— both which Lodges, the 28th day of December, A.L. 5813, at Cumberland Hall, at Portland, duly appear'd before your committee, by their committee legally appointed for that purpose — have attended to the object of their appointment and respectfully ask leave to report the following facts which were proved before them:

In the spring of the year 5811, Mr. T—— M. V——, a single man, commenced his residence in Portland as a shopkeeper, and has had no other settled residence from that time to the present. He had previously been rejected in Essex and

Jordan Lodges, on his applications there to be made a Mason. On the 8th day of January, A.L. 5812, he was rejected by Ancient Landmark Lodge, having applied there also for initiation. In the winter of 5812-13 he entered the military service of the United States, having constantly to that time resided at Portland, and since that time has been occasionally at the recruiting rendezvous in the other parts of Maine. At the spring elections in 5813 he voted in Portland as an inhabitant of the town.

Oriental Star Lodge held its first meeting under its charter on the 3rd day of December, A.L. 5811. That Lodge is and always has been possessed of the Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, particularly of the rules reported March 11th, A.L. 5811.

On the 24th day of March, A.L. 5813, at a Special Meeting of Oriental Star Lodge, called at the request of Mr. V——, he was proposed, accepted, initiated an Entered Apprentice Mason, passed to the degree of a Fellow Craft and raised to the sublime degree of a Master Mason, without any dispensation from the District Deputy Grand Master, or any other person for that purpose.

He was recommended to Oriental Star Lodge by Oliver Herrick, of Lewiston, a captain; by Seth Staples, of Turner, a lieutenant; by David Turner, Jr., of Jay, also a lieutenant in the United States Army; and by Joseph C. Boyd, Esq., of Portland, paymaster of the United States Army for the district of Maine, who was one of the guardians of Ancient Landmark Lodge at the time of Mr. V——'s rejection there, and knew that fact, of which, however, Oriental Star Lodge was not informed by him.

The aforesaid recommendations were produced to Oriental Star Lodge by said V—— at the time he was proposed there. None of the persons who signed those recommendations were, at the time of signing them, members of either of the Lodges in Portland, nor was said V—— recommended by any persons other than those above-named. When Oriental Star Lodge was assembled on said 24th day of March, the Secretary of that Lodge ask'd said —— why Mr. V—— had not applied for initiation to one of the Lodges in Portland, and was answered by

s'd —— that the political opinions of the members of those Lodges were generally opposed to those of Mr. V——, who was apprehensive of being rejected on that account.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL EMERSON,
SIMON GREENLEAF, } Committee.
CHARLES FOX,

CUMBERLAND HALL, PORTLAND,
28th Dec'r, A.L. 5813.

The foregoing report having been read and considered, it was thereupon VOTED, That the same be committed to the R.W'l Brethren Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell and Asa Peabody, to report what measures, in their opinion, the Grand Lodge ought to pursue upon the statement of facts therein contained. Likewise that said committee take into consideration the letter from Simon Greenleaf on the subject of compensation for services performed by himself and colleagues, and that they report at the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee of the Grand Lodge appointed to examine the transcript of the records of the Grand Lodge have attended to the duty assigned to them and report, that they have inspected them with the most minute attention, and that they found them executed in the most correct and elegant manner.

A petition signed by John Wilder, Mr. Roswell Sprague, Senior Warden; Joshua Lamb, Junior Warden; Henry Sargant, Treasurer; James Smith, Secretary; Aaron Morse, Senior Deacon; Edward Flint, Junior Deacon, officers of Morning Star Lodge and Nath'l P. Denny, Past Master, together with a copy of a vote of said Lodge, signed by James Smith, Secretary, praying for a removal of said Lodge from the town of Worcester to the town of Leicester, for reasons therein set forth; likewise a remonstrance signed by Enoch Flagg and James Wilson, Past Masters, with twelve other past officers and members of Morning Star Lodge, against the removal of s'd Lodge as prayed for in said petition, for reasons enumerated in said remonstrance; together with an attested copy of a vote of Thompson Lodge in Rutland, approbating said removal; were read and committed to the R't W'l and Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Past Grand Mas-

ter; Brother Burnside, Master of Fredonia Lodge, Westboro; and Richard Carrigue, of Charlton, to consider and report thereon. Which committee by a vote of Grand Lodge was nominated by the Grand Master and accepted.

A petition from twenty-four of the officers and members of Rising Star Lodge, praying leave to remove that Lodge from Canton to Sharon, county of Norfolk, was presented to the Grand Lodge, dated 10th March, A.L. 5814. Also a communication from R't W'l Abner Morse, District Deputy Grand Master of the 4th Masonic District, to which that Lodge is annexed, favoring the removal; which petition being read and considered was committed to the R.W'l's Foster Swift, Thad's Mason Harris and William Goddard, to report thereon.

A petition from the Rev'd Bro. Joseph Willard, of Boxborough, praying for charitable relief for his daughter, the widow Parling, was committed to the R.W. Bro. Thad's M. Harris, Francis J. Oliver and Josiah Bartlett, who reported in favor of twenty dollars, which was accepted and the Rev'd Brother Ripley, of Concord, appointed to present the same.

A petition for charity was presented by Judith Gould, which being read was committed to Brother Henry Fowle, John Dixwell and Andrew Roulstone, who reported in favor of a donation of twenty dollars, which was accepted.

Agreeably to order, the Committee of Finance have examined the acco'ts of the Grand Treasurer, respecting the Charity Fund, and find them correctly kept and properly vouch'd. He has received from various sources during the year past, five hundred and seven dollars and nine cents, making the whole amount of the Charity Fund 1,675 dollars, 61 cents, in six per cent. stock.

At the date of the Treasurer's account, the 11th Dec'r, 5813, the Charity Fund was indebted to him $42.92, since which the receipts have enabled him to pay the balance then due, and he has a surplus, in addition to the above, of forty-eight dollars in cash.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY FOWLE.
JOHN B. HAMMATT.
JOHN DIXWELL.

BOSTON, March 14th, 5814.

VOTED, That a committee of three be appointed and fully empowered to procure a suitable place for the future meetings of the Grand Lodge, and at their expense.

The Right Worshipful Andrew Sigourney, Zach'h G. Whitman and John Dixwell were chosen.

VOTED, That the Grand Marshal be directed to issue his summons to the Master and Wardens of Solar Lodge, directing them to appear before the Grand Lodge of this Commonwealth at their Quarterly Communication on the second Monday of June next, at four o'clock in the afternoon, to shew cause, if any they have, why the charter of that Lodge should not be revok'd and its name erased from the list of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That Francis J. Oliver, John Dixwell, Thaddeus Mason Harris, Henry Fowle, Ralph H. French and Shubael Bell be a committee to examine the plan of a Masonic apron prepared by Brother Horseman, and report their opinion thereon.

VOTED, That the committee on the concerns of the Rising States Lodge be enjoined to sit during the recess.

A Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Masons Hall, in Boston, on Monday the 14th of June, A.L. 5814.

The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present:

M.W. Benj. Russell	Grand Master.
R.W. John Abbot . . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Jno. B. Hammatt .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. John Loring . .	Grand Rec. Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Job Drew .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Michael Roulstone . .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Ephraim Beaman .	Senior Steward.
Bro. William Eaton . .	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters from many of the Districts, and representatives from the following Lodges, vizt:

St. John's .....Boston.	Meridian .....Needham.
St. Andrew's .....Boston.	Mt. Moriah .....Reading.
Massachusetts .....Boston.	Rising Star .....Stoughton.
Old Colony .....Hingham.	Mt. Lebanon .....Boston.
Middlesex .....Framingham.	Pacific .....Leverett.
Columbian .....Boston.	Aurora .....Leominster.
Washington .....Roxbury.	Solar .....Bath.
Kennebec .....Hallowell.	Mt. Carmel .....Lynn.
Fayette .....Charlton.	Orient .....Thomaston.
Harmony .....Northfield.	St. George's .....Warren.
Union .....Dorchester.	Mystic .....Lanesboro'.

Oriental Star.....Livermore.

The following proxies were admitted this evening, vizt:

Joseph Lee of Buckstown	for Felicity Lodge, Buckstown.
Benj. B. Appleton of Boston	for Orient Lodge, Thomastown.
Davis Hall, Esq. of Boston	for Hancock Lodge, Castine.
Samuel Brewer of Boston	for Harmony Lodge, Northfield.
Robert Lash, Jun. of Boston	for Kennebec Lodge, Hallowell.

Brothers Simpkins and A. M. Hays were admitted as visitors.

Proceedings on the subject of Solar Lodge.

The Grand Marshal's summons to Solar Lodge being read, Solar Lodge was called to appear and shew cause, if any they

have, why their charter should not be revoked, and its name erased from the list of Lodges under this Jurisdiction, in conformity to the report of a committee of the Grand Lodge made and accepted at the Quarterly Communication in December last. Solar Lodge not appearing to answer, it was VOTED, They be heard by their proxy. Brother Daniel L. Gibbens, proxy for Solar Lodge, then presented the following written apology, vizt: From Solar Lodge to the Grand Lodge.

"The committee to whom was referred the subject of the difference which exists between the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts and Solar Lodge, ask leave to report: That, in their opinion, it is not necessary to go into a full and lengthy detail of all the circumstances which have caused the unfortunate result of the examination in the Grand Lodge. As they are summoned before the Grand Lodge to shew cause why the charter of Solar Lodge should not be revoked, and its name erased from the list of Lodges under the Jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge, they recommend the following vote: That Solar Lodge have not at any time, nor in any respect, alter'd the high opinion which they entertain of the sovereignty of the Grand Lodge, or of the wisdom of their government and administration, which they held at the time of their application for a charter; that they entertain a high opinion of the individual characters of the respectable committee appointed to inquire into their conduct, and though their report has been the cause of some unfavorable impressions as to Solar Lodge, they hope the assurance of their being still perfectly ready and willing to comply with all the Regulations of the Grand Lodge and to aid them in the support of their government as faithful and liege subjects, will obtain pardon and forgiveness for any mistake they have made, certainly unintentional and without design.

ANDREW GREENWOOD,
MOSES HOLBROOK, } Committee.
WILLIAM TORREY,

BATH, April 21st, A.L. 5814.
Solar Lodge, April 21st, A.L. 5814."

VOTED, To accept the above report.

"VOTED, unanimously, that a copy of the foregoing, be forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and that if no officer of this Lodge be in Boston at the next Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, that the same be presented by the proxy of Solar Lodge."

A true copy.

Attest: DAV'D SHAW,
Secretary.

The foregoing apology from Solar Lodge being read, VOTED, That the same be accepted and that all further proceedings against said Lodge subside.

The committee appointed by the Grand Lodge, to whom was referr'd the subject of providing at the expense of the Grand Lodge, a suitable place wherein to hold their future meetings, have attended to the duty assigned them, and ask leave to report, That they have procured of the lessees of Masons Hall, a right for the Grand Lodge to hold therein during the term of the present lease, the Grand Lodge paying to the lessees or their agent, at the rate of thirty dollars per annum therefor. All which is respectfully submitted.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
Per order.

BOSTON, May 6th, 5814.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee on the motion for regulating the removal of Lodges, reported progress and obtained leave to continue their sittings.

The committee appointed by the M't W'l Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to examine the drawing of a Masonic apron, presented by the R.W. Bro. Horseman, report their approbation of the same; and recommend it to the Fraternity as a judicious selection of the emblems of the Order, arranged with taste and propriety.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER.
THADDEUS M. HARRIS.
SHUBAEL BELL.

BOSTON, May 14th, 5814.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee appointed at the Quarterly Communication in March last to take into consideration the petition from Rising Star Lodge for removal, was discharged; and the same petition was committed to Brothers Andrew Sigourney, Benj. Gleason and ——— Davenport, who reported thereon as follows, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Rising Star Lodge for liberty to remove from Canton to Sharon, have attended the business assigned them and report, that the prayer of said petition be granted; and that said Lodge, in future, shall hold their meetings in Sharon.

ANDREW SIGOURNEY,
Per order.

June 13th, 5814.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A remonstrance signed by Obadiah Dickinson, Thomas Power, Sam'l Prentice, Franklin Ripley and Justin Field, a committee appointed by Harmony Lodge against the removal of the said Lodge from Northfield to Warwick; together with a memorial signed by Amos Woodward and seven other members of said Harmony Lodge, in support of said removal, was presented, read and committed to the committee, who reported in favor of the removal of said Lodge from Northfield to Warwick, substituting the R.W. and Rev'd Paul Dean as one of the committee in lieu of Brother Jenkins, who are fully to consider and report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

The committee now appointed are R't Worshipful Brothers Samuel Thaxter, Job Drew and Rev'd Paul Dean.

A petition was presented, signed by James Jones, Master of United Lodge, at Topsham, and twelve others, officers and members of said Lodge, praying for a dispensation for a removal of said Lodge from Topsham, in the county of Lincoln, to Brunswick, in the county of Cumberland, which being read was, by vote, committed to the R.W'l Asa Peabody, Henry Purkitt and Jon'a Whitney, to report thereon at the next Quarterly Communication.

Motion by Bro. John Dixwell, vizt: That when the Master and Wardens of a Lodge shall be summoned before this Grand Lodge, they shall appear in person and not by proxy.

The foregoing motion having been considered it was thereupon VOTED, That a committee of five should be nominated by the Grand Master to take the same into consideration and report on the expediency of its adoption as a standing rule of this Grand Lodge. The M't W'l Grand Master then nominated the R't W'l John Dixwell, Richard Carrick, Ralph H. French, Asa Peabody and Jonathan Whitney, which nomination was confirmed by the Grand Lodge.

The committee on the subject of Oriental Star Lodge reported progress and obtained leave to continue their sittings.

On a representation from York Lodge that the officers named in their charter had resigned previous to the installation of the Lodge, VOTED, That the Most W'l Grand Master be authorized to confirm any nomination of officers which may be made in the Lodge aforesaid during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and to direct the Grand Secretary to endorse the same on their charter.

A petition from Widow M—— E—— for charity was presented, read and committed to Brothers Henry Purkitt, Job Drew and Samuel Brewer, who reported thereon as follows, vizt:

The committee on the foregoing application, having taken the subject thereof into consideration, beg leave to report, that there be granted and paid out of the funds of this Grand Lodge to the petitioner the sum of thirty dollars.

HENRY PURKITT.
JOB DREW.
SAMUEL BREWER.

The foregoing being read was accepted and Brother Drew appointed to present the donation in the name of the Grand Lodge.

A letter was received from Bro. William Swan, one of the committee appointed to settle the accounts with the District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth District (Brother Hopkins), dated Portland, June 10th, 1814, stating that the committee have liquidated all accounts with Brother Hopkins and that a balance remained in his hands of $556.95, which they should forward as soon as received. The letter being read, the Grand Lodge express'd their satisfaction at the doings of the committee thus far.

Communications from the Grand Lodges of Vermont, Virginia and Maryland were received.

The Grand Lodge was then closed until the second Monday of September next.

JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on Monday the 12th day of September, A.L. 5814.

The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present:

M.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICH'L ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. THOMAS L. PARKER	Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from several Districts, and representatives from the following Lodges, under this Jurisdiction, viz:

St. John's .....Boston.	St. Paul's .....Groton.
St. Andrew's .....Boston.	Fellowship .....Bridgewater.
Massachusetts .....Boston.	Mount Moriah .....Reading.
Old Colony .....Hingham.	Mt. Lebanon .....Boston.
King Solomon .....Charlestown.	Oriental .....Bridgetown.
Columbian .....Boston.	Solar .....Bath.
Washington .....Roxbury.	Amicable .....Cambridgeport.
Fayette .....Charlton.	St. George's .....Warren.
Harmony .....Northfield.	Mystic .....Lanesboro.

Oriental Star.....Livermore.

William F. Brazier, of Boston, was admitted proxy for Saint Paul's Lodge, Groton.

A letter from Bro. William Swan, dated Portland, Sept. 8th, 1814, was received and stated that the committee appointed to settle with Bro. Hopkins had effected that object and taken, with a good endorser, his note payable in six months from the 7th Sept., for $556.95, bearing interest from the 1st of June last.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of a statement of facts reported on the memorial of Ancient Landmark Lodge, on the conduct of Oriental Star Lodge in initiating T—— M. V——, and the letter of Simon Greenleaf relating to the compensation of the committee who reported the statement of facts, have attended to the duty assigned them and therefore beg leave to report, That it is the opinion of the committee that Oriental Star Lodge used due diligence in examining the character of said V——, and though they might have been deceived and abused by the recommenders, they did not proceed to initiate him without such recommendations as are usually satisfactory.

The committee are also of opinion that said V——'s avocation rendered him a citizen of the world and he had forfeited his claims to be a citizen of any particular place. Therefore, your committee think Oriental Star Lodge has not in this affair been guilty of a violation of the 5th section of the 3rd chapter of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge. It appears that Oriental Star Lodge balloted for said V—— and conferr'd on him the three degrees on one and the same evening on which he was proposed, without having first procured a dispensation for that purpose. They acted with the Constitution before them and must have seen that this conduct was in direct violation of the 3rd section of the 3rd chapter of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge.

This bold disregard of Masonic obligation, the committee deem highly reprehensible. They view it as the more serious because the only justification or excuse offered by Oriental Star Lodge was a declaration that other Lodges in the vicinity often took the same liberty because the District Deputy Grand Master lived at a great distance and it was difficult to procure dispensations.

Such disregard of constitutional rules must incur the displeasure of the Grand Lodge, and if it be not in all cases punished by a decree of forfeiture of charter, it ought to meet prompt expressions of disapprobation.

In this case, as there is some reason to believe Oriental Star Lodge thought themselves justified by the conduct of other Lodges, we recommend to the Grand Lodge not to be severe in punishment.

We therefore report that it is expedient that the Grand Master should send a reprimand to said Lodge for their open violation of an important and well-known Masonic rule, and intimate that a repetition of the offense will probably forfeit their charter. We also are of opinion, that notice of this reprimand shall be taken in the next annual report, to serve as a caution to all Lodges in this Jurisdiction.

As to a compensation to the committee who reported the statement of facts submitted to us, we are of opinion that it is not conformable to Masonic usage to claim a compensation for time devoted to the business of committees, but it is reasonable said committee should be indemnified for their expenses. We therefore report that their expenses incurred in attending their meetings be paid to them by Oriental Star Lodge.

Francis J. Oliver.
John Dixwell.
Asa Peabody.

Boston, 12th September, 5814.

The committee to whom was referr'd the remonstrance of Obadiah Dickinson and others against the removal of Harmony Lodge from Northfield to Warwick, and the memorial of Amos Woodward and others in support of said removal have attended the duty assigned them and ask leave to report, vizt:

That after acquiring all the information attainable, and duly considering all the circumstances within their knowledge relative to the subject, your committee are of opinion that it is inexpedient for the Grand Lodge to rescind their vote passed at the Quarterly Communication in March last, granting Harmony Lodge the liberty of removing from Northfield to Warwick; which is respectfully submitted.

Samuel Thaxter.
Paul Dean.
Job Drew.

The foregoing report read and accepted.

The committee on Bro. Sigourney's motion, respecting the removal of Lodges, reported progress and had leave to continue their sittings.

COMMITTEE ON THE REMOVAL OF MORNING STAR LODGE.

The R.W. and Hon'ble Timothy Bigelow, Esq., chairman of the aforesaid committee, requested leave to resign, which was granted; and the R. Worshipful Francis O. Clark, Master of Meridian Sun Lodge, was appointed in his place. The committee now are R.W. Bro. Burnside, Master of Fredonia Lodge; R.W. and Rev. Richard Carrigue, Master of Fayette Lodge; R.W. Francis O. Clark, Master of Meridian Sun Lodge.

N. B. D'l'd Bro. Carrigue the papers the 12th September.

The committee on the following motion, made by Bro. Dixwell, vizt: That when the Master and Wardens of a Lodge shall be summoned before this Grand Lodge, they shall appear in person and not by proxy; reported progress and had leave to continue their sittings.

The committee on the petition of United Lodge for removal, reported progress and had leave to continue their sittings.

Petitions for charity from P—— W—— and S—— W—— were read. Whereupon VOTED, That the same be referred to the Standing Committee on Charity, who reported that fifteen dollars be granted to the former and that the latter have leave to withdraw. Which report was accepted.

A petition was presented and read, signed by Josiah W. Mitchell and ten others, Brethren of the Craft, praying for a charter to hold a Lodge at Freeport, in the Province of Maine; which petition was supported by certificates of approbation from United and Ancient Landmark Lodges, and the District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District. The same was, on motion, committed to Bros. Andrew Sigourney, Shubael Bell and John Proctor, who reported thereon, that in their opinion the prayer of the petitioners ought to be granted; which report being read was accepted.

The Grand Lodge was then closed until the second Monday in December next.

JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

ANNUAL COMMUNICATION OF THE M.W. GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, held at Masons Hall, Boston, 12th December, A.L. 5814.

The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present:

M.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN ABBOT	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. PAUL DEAN	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY RUSSELL	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. ZACH. G. WHITMAN, *pro tem.*	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W. DANIEL L. GIBBENS	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOSEPH GEORGE SPRAGUE	First Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. THOS. L. PARKER	Second Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from several Districts, and the representatives of the following Lodges under this Jurisdiction, viz:

St. John's	Boston.	Fellowship	Bridgewater.
St. Andrew's	Boston.	Corinthian	Concord.
Tyrian	Gloucester.	Mt. Moriah	Reading.
Massachusetts	Boston.	Rising Star	Stoughton.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Mt. Zion	Hardwick.
Essex	Salem.	Mount Lebanon	Boston.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Amity	Camden.
Hancock	Castine.	Charity	Mendon.
Columbian	Boston.	Oriental	Bridgetown.
Cincinnatus	Great Barrington.	Solar	Bath.
Washington	Roxbury.	Amicable	Cambridgeport.
Fayette	Charlton.	Orient	Thomastown.
Union	Dorchester.	Jordan	Danvers.
Bristol	Attleboro.	Fredonia	Northboro'.
St. Paul's	Groton.	Oriental Star	Livermore.

The following reports of committees were made, vizt:

The committee on the removal of Morning Star Lodge, reported progress and had leave to sit again.

The committee on the petition of United Lodge for removal, reported, that they had written the petitioners, requesting them to furnish further evidence on the subject of removal, but had received no answer. The committee had leave to continue their sitting.

The committee on the following motion by Bro. Dixwell, vizt: That when the Master and Wardens of a Lodge shall be summoned before this Grand Lodge, they shall appear in person, and not by proxy; reported progress and obtained leave to continue their sittings.

Report of committee appointed to settle with Bro. Hopkins, vizt: The committee appointed by the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, March 14th, 5814, "to examine the books and returns, and audit the accounts of R.W. J. D. Hopkins, late District Deputy Grand Master of the 9th Masonic District, and to demand and receive from him all monies in his hands, receiv'd on account of the Grand Lodge, having attended to the duty assigned them (in the month of May, 5814) and carefully examined the vouchers exhibited by R.W. Bro. Hopkins, report as follows, vizt:

In consequence of there never having been a formal settlement with Bro. Hopkins, your committee were under the necessity of going back to the period of his first appointment, and have taken the items, whence the result is obtained from his credits, where duplicates of official returns were not produced. Many of the returns were stated to have been regularly filed with the officers of the Grand Lodge and of which no duplicates were retained; those copies exhibited to us correspond with the sums stated in the account annexed. We have deemed it necessary to state minutely the sums given us by the R.W. Bro. Hopkins as paid in each year, in order to be compared with the official returns rendered, being the only mode by which errors, if any, could be rectified. There were no returns exhibited to us for the year 5813, and Bro. Hopkins said he was not in possession of any

for that year. There appears a balance due the Grand Lodge of five hundred and fifty-six dollars 95-100ths; which sum has been paid to us by a promissory note, endorsed by Dr. Manly, dated Sept. 7th, 5814, and bearing interest from the 1st of June, 1814, being the only payment we could obtain for the balance due, and for which note we have given a receipt, in virtue of our commission. This mode of payment is different from what your committee contemplated, yet they have every confidence that the security is good, and that the money will be punctually paid at maturity of the note, if not before.

The expenses necessarily incurred in discharging the duty assigned is twenty-five dollars, agreeably to the bill enclosed. All which we hope will meet the approbation of the Grand Lodge, and which is respectfully submitted.

SAMUEL FARNSWORTH, } Committee.
WILLIAM SWAN, }

PORTLAND, 23rd Sept., 1814.

The foregoing report was accompanied with an account curr't and bill therein alluded to, all which were read; whereupon, VOTED, That the same be accepted and that the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the said bill upon demand.

The committee on the following motion, by Bro. Sigourney, vizt: "That no petition for the removal of a Lodge from the place where it is located be sustained in Grand Lodge, unless said petition is sanctioned by the District Deputy Grand Master of the District in which said Lodge is situated," reported progress and obtained leave to continue their sittings.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF FINANCE.

The Committee of Finance of the Grand Lodge have attended to their annual duty, in examining the Grand Treasurer's account, and submit the following report, vizt:

That they find his accounts correct and properly vouched, and that his books are kept in a regular and correct style; that he has received during the year past, on acco't of the Grand Lodge, the sum of one thousand four hundred and twenty-three dollars and seventy-seven cents $1,423 77

That there was a balance due him the last year, of two hundred and nineteen dollars and 17-100ths..	$219 17
That he has paid out in the course of the year past, the sum of one thousand and twenty-six dollars and 44-100ths	1,026 44
That there is a balance in his hands of one hundred and seventy-eight dollars and 16-100ths.....	178 16
	$1,423 77

That he has received on account of the Grand Charity Fund the sum of six hundred and forty-five dollars and sixty cents	$645 60
That there was a balance due him from that fund, the last year, of forty-two dollars and 92-100ths..	42 92
That he has paid for a certificate of six per cent. stock, ninety-two dollars and seventy-five cents....	92 75
That there is a balance in his hands of five hundred and nine dollars and ninety-three cents.....	509 93
	$645 60

It is a justice due to the Grand Treasurer to state that it appears from the accounts presented, that he has been in advance for the Grand Lodge, during the year past, of upwards of four hundred dollars; the monies in his hands having been paid him within the past week.

Your committee are of opinion that the Grand Treasurer ought to be allowed for his services, one hundred and fifty dollars, and twenty-four dollars interest for cash advanced.

The committee have the painful task of representing that, though they have labored much to induce punctuality in the returns of the District Deputy Grand Masters, none of them have fulfilled the duties incumbent on them in making their returns, agreeably to the sixth section of the second chapter of the Constitution, except those of the First, Fifth and Sixth Districts.

The Grand Secretary not making it convenient to attend the meeting of the committee, they are unable to report on his proceedings for the year past.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY FOWLE,
JOHN DIXWELL,
JOHN B. HAMMATT,
} Committee on Finance.

A petition from the Master and Wardens of Wisdom Lodge, praying for leave to remove said Lodge from the town of West Stockbridge to the town of Stockbridge, for reasons therein set forth, was read; whereupon, VOTED, That the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition upon the ground that it is not supported by the recommendation of the District Deputy Grand Master and the consent of the neighboring Lodges.

The following petitions were presented, vizt:

A petition from the R't W'l John Phelps, late District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District, praying for a refund of money advanced to the Grand Treasurer on account of dues from Harmony Lodge, and which he is unable to recover in consequence of the insolvency of the Treasurer thereof; read and committed to the R.W. Ezekiel L. Bascomb, Henry Purkitt and —— Nichols, who reported thereon as follows, vizt:

The committee appointed on the petition of the R.W. John Phelps, having considered the subject are unanimously of opinion that the prayer thereof ought to be granted; and that the Grand Treasurer be directed to pay the petitioner the sum of $40.18 on demand, and charge the same to the Grand Lodge, which report was read and accepted.

A petition signed by Joseph Baker, John Stone and F. Howes, being a committee from Essex Lodge, stating that the town of Salem, in which their Lodge is located, continues to be a depot for prisoners of war, among whom are many Brethren of the Craft who merit and require the charitable notice of the Fraternity. They pray in behalf of said Lodge, that the Grand Lodge would take the subject into consideration and afford such relief as in their wisdom and ability may be deemed expedient. Read and committed to R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Joseph George Sprague, Elijah Morse, Shubael Bell and Jonathan Whitney.

A petition from Tyrian Lodge, signed by Henry Smith, Secretary of said Lodge, represents that there are very many distressed Brethren, necessitous widows and orphans, whose condition calls loudly for charitable aid; and that the funds of their Lodge, in consequence of repeated contributions, are become inadequate to the pressing demands upon them. They, therefore, pray for the aid and assistance of the Grand Lodge. Read and

committed to the same committee, who has under consideration the petition from Essex Lodge.

On motion of the R.W'l and Rev'd Bro. Richard Carrigue, a committee of three was nominated from the Chair, vizt: R.W. and Rev'd Richard Carrigue, R.W. Zachariah G. Whitman and the R.W. Brother Davidson, to take into consideration the propriety of adopting some measures to prevent the acceptance and initiation of candidates who have been rejected in Lodges; and, likewise, for the punishment of such members of the Craft under this Jurisdiction as shall in future recommend to Masonic notice those who are, or may be, thus rejected.

On motion of R.W'l Zachariah G. Whitman, a committee was nominated from the Chair, vizt: R.W. Zachariah G. Whitman, R.W'l Asa Peabody and R.W. Job Drew, to inquire into the expediency of enacting some Article which shall prohibit subordinate Lodges from taking notes from, or granting credit to, initiates for initiating fees, and report as soon as may be.

On motion of the R.W. Francis J. Oliver, VOTED, That a committee be raised to take into consideration the expediency of granting a compensation to those District Deputy Grand Masters who perform their duty, make their returns and pay the fees collected by them into the hands of the Grand Treasurer, within the time prescribed by the Constitution. Committed to the Committee of Finance.

Petitions for charity from A—— H——, M—— G—— and M—— Q—— were read and committed to the Standing Committee on Charity.

The time assigned by the Constitution for the election of Grand Officers for the Masonic year 5815, having arrived, a committee of three, vizt: R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, R.W. Asa Peabody and the R.W. Eleazer G. House were appointed a committee to collect, count and report the ballots for the several candidates.

The M.W. Grand Master retired and the R.W'l Francis J. Oliver, Deputy Grand Master, took the Chair. The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for a Grand Master, and the committee, having collected and counted the ballots, reported:

The M.W. Benj. Russell, Esq., was chosen. VOTED, That the R't W'l and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, R.W. and Rev'd Thad's M.

Harris, R.W. and Rev. Ezekiel L. Bascomb, R.W'l Asa Peabody and R.W. Bro. Morse, be a committee to wait on the Grand Master-elect, inform him of his election, and report.

The committee reported that the Grand Master accepted his appointment. They accordingly introduced him into the hall and conducted him to the Chair of Solomon.

The R.W. John Abbot, Senior Grand Warden, informed the Grand Lodge that his avocations would not permit him to be a candidate for re-election, and he received the thanks of the Grand Lodge for his able and faithful services for two years past.

The Grand Lodge then proceeded to ballot for the other officers as required by the Constitution, and the committee, having collected and counted the ballots, reported the following Brethren to be chosen, vizt:

R.W. John B. Hammatt	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. Joseph Baker	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney . . .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. John Soley	Grand Recording Secretary.

The R't W'l Ralph H. French, R't W'l Brother Nichols and the R.W. Bro. Peabody, of Salem, were appointed a committee to wait on Bro. Baker and inform him of his appointment.

A memorial, signed by Isaiah Thomas, Esq., Past Grand Master; James Thompson, Past District Deputy Grand Master, and R.W. and Rev'd Ezekiel L. Bascomb, on the subject of forming District Deputy Grand Lodges in certain cases, and for the consideration of local subjects, was read and committed by nomination from the Chair, to the R.W. John Abbot, R.W. and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris and R.W. John B. Hammatt.

A communication from the R.W. Thaddeus M. Harris on the subject of a Masonic Library collected by him, was read and committed, by nomination from the Chair, to the Right W'l Brethren, Andrew Sigourney, Paul Dean and E. G. House, to report thereon.

A remonstrance, signed by Amos Woodward and five other members of Harmony Lodge, complaining of certain irregularities in the proceedings of said Lodge, as therein set forth, was read and committed to R.W'l Thad's M. Harris, A. Peabody and J. Whitney, to consider and report thereon.

On motion, VOTED, That the R.W. John Dixwell, R.W. F. J. Oliver and the R.W. Thad's M. Harris be a committee to enquire into certain irregularities of Fayette Lodge.

VOTED, That Brother John Dixwell, Henry Fowle and Shubael Bell be a committee to see that the records of the Grand Lodge are properly transcribed for the ensuing year.

The Grand Lodge was then closed, after prayer by the Junior Grand Chaplain, to meet December 27th next, at Masons Hall, for the installation of the Grand Officers.

JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

THE MOST WORSHIPFUL GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS convened at Masons Hall, in Boston, 27th Dec'r, 5814, in conformity to the Constitution for the installment of the Grand Officers, elected and appointed for the year 5815.

PRESENT.

M.W. BENJAMIN RUSSELL .	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOSEPH BAKER	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Grand Recording Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. THAD'S M. HARRIS . .	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN .	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. JOB DREW . .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. EPHRAIM BEAMAN .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. ELIJAH LEARNED .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOSEPH G. SPRAGUE	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. THOMAS L. PARKER	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, District Deputy Grand Masters, and the representatives from many Lodges under this Jurisdiction.

The Grand Lodge was opened by a prayer from the Grand Chaplain and in AMPLE FORM.

The following proxies were admitted for the year 5815:

JOHN PROCTOR of Boston for Mystic Lodge.
ROBERT LASH of Boston for Kennebec Lodge.

The following appointments by the M.W'l Grand Master, for the ensuing year, were announced by the Grand Marshal, vizt:

R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER . .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN .	Grand Chaplains.
R.W. & Rev. JOHN BARTLETT .	Grand Chaplains.

R.W. & Rev.	THAD'S M. HARRIS	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W.	HENRY FOWLE	Grand Marshal.
R.W.	THOMAS REDMAN	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W.	JOB DREW	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W.	MICH'L ROULSTONE	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W.	JOSEPH G. SPRAGUE	Grand Stewards.
R.W.	ANDREW ROULSTONE	Grand Stewards.
R.W.	THOMAS L. PARKER	Grand Stewards.
R.W.	ZACH'H G. WHITMAN	Grand Stewards.
R.W.	DANIEL L. GIBBENS	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W.	SETH JOHNSON	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro.	WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

The Grand Officers-elect were then severally installed according to Ancient Form.

Right W'l Henry Fowle, R.W. John Dixwell and R.W'l John B. Hammatt were appointed a Committee of Finance.

The following named Brethren were appointed District Deputy Grand Masters, vizt:

R.W.	ELIJAH MORSE	of Boston,	for the	1st	District
R.W.	R. H. FRENCH, ESQ.	of Salem,	"	2nd	do.
R.W. & Rev.	JOTH'M WATERMAN	of Barnstable,	"	3rd	do.
R.W.	ABNER MORSE, ESQ.	of Medway,	"	4th	do.
R.W.	CALEB BUTLER, ESQ.	of Groton,	"	5th	do.
R.W. & Rev.	EZEKIEL L. BASCOMB	of Phillipston,	"	6th	do.
R.W.	ELIJ. ALVORD, ESQ.	of Greenfield,	"	7th	do.
R.W.	JOHN WHITING, ESQ.	of G't Barrington,	"	8th	do.
R.W.	OLIVER BRAY, ESQ.	of Portland,	"	9th	do.
R.W. & Hon.	S. THATCHER, ESQ.	of Warren,	"	10th	do.
R.W.	J. D. WEBSTER, ESQ.	of Machias,	"	11th	do.
R.W.	PETER HUSSEY, ESQ.	of Nantucket,	"	12th	do.

The Grand Lodge was proclaimed by the Grand Marshal to be duly organized.

R.W. Francis J. Oliver, Shubael Bell and Jonathan Whitney were appointed a Standing Committee on Charity for the year ensuing.

VOTED, That the Standing Committee on Charity have power to receive petitions for charity during the recess of the Grand Lodge, and to grant relief thereon to the extent of ten dollars on each application.

Petitions for charity from J—— E—— and T—— C—— were referred to the Committee on Charity.

The Standing Committee on Charity, to whom was referred the petitions of A—— H——, M—— Q—— and M—— G——, reported as follows, vizt: That there be paid by the Grand Treasurer to A—— H——, the sum of five dollars; to M—— Q—— the sum of ten dollars, and that M—— G—— have leave to withdraw her petition, upon the presumption that her situation is not so destitute as to justify a donation in the state of the Charity Fund; which report being read was accepted.

The committee appointed to examine the transcript of the Records of the Grand Lodge for the year past, have attended the duty assigned them and report, that on the most accurate examination, they were unable to discover any material errors. All which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN DIXWELL.
HENRY FOWLE.
SHUBAEL BELL.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The Committee of Finance have attended to their duty in examining the records of the Grand Secretary, and ask leave to report, That he has kept a faithful record of the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, in a neat and elegant style; and it is the opinion of your committee that he ought to be allowed two hundred and fifty dollars for his services as Grand Secretary, and thirty dollars for the extra duty of transcribing the records. All which is respectfully submitted,

HENRY FOWLE, }
JOHN DIXWELL, } Committee of Finance.
JOHN B. HAMMATT, }

Dec. 22d, 5814.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the annexed petition from Tyrian Lodge, respectfully report, That in their opinion it would be establishing a bad precedent to grant the prayer of the petitioners, inasmuch as it would be placing funds at the disposal of a subordinate Lodge over the appropriations of which the Grand Lodge would have no control; and that it would be deviating from the usual practice of the Grand Lodge which has

been to act upon the petitions of individuals and to grant such relief as their respective claims demand, with reference to the ability of the Grand Lodge.

The committee therefore recommend that Tyrian Lodge be instructed to lay before the Grand Lodge, the claims and petitions of such indigent individuals as they may think deserving relief from the Grand Lodge.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER,
JOS. GEO. SPRAGUE,
ELIJAH MORSE,
SHUBAEL BELL,
JONA. WHITNEY,
} Committee.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the representation from Essex Lodge, relating to the situation and claims of prisoners of war, in Salem, respectfully report:

That strongly impressed with the importance of the subject committed to them, and viewing it as an object highly interesting to the honor of the Grand Lodge and calculated to excite the sympathy and best feelings of all the Lodges under this jurisdiction, they have unanimously agreed to recommend:

That the sum of five hundred dollars be appropriated to the relief of distressed prisoners of the Masonic family, who, in the course of calamitous war, in which our country is engaged, may be brought among us; that the said sum be placed at the disposal of a Board of Commissioners, who hereby are authorized to dispense the same, with power to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the whole or any part thereof, as occasion may require; that it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to exhibit, in writing, at every Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, a statement showing the sums which they have expended, the names of the prisoners whom they have relieved during the preceding Quarter, and the names of the Lodges in which the said persons were initiated Masons, or of which they are members.

And that every Lodge under this Jurisdiction may have an opportunity of contributing to a fund, alike honorable and interesting to the whole Fraternity, your committee further pro-

pose that the following plan be adopted, for reimbursing to the Grand Lodge the sums which may from time to time be advanced for this benevolent and truly Masonic object, vizt: A Circular Letter shall be addressed to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, recommending to the Lodges in Boston, its vicinity and other populous places, to remit quarterly to the Grand Treasurer, during the continuance of the war, the amount for initiating, passing and raising one candidate, or in lieu thereof the sum of thirty dollars, annually, and requesting all the other Lodges to raise by contribution, assessment or pay from their funds, the sum of ten dollars annually; the first annual contribution to be forthwith forwarded to the R.W. Andrew Sigourney, of Boston, Grand Treasurer. All which, with a copy of the proposed circular, is respectfully submitted,

FRANCIS J. OLIVER,
JOSEPH GEO. SPRAGUE,
ELIJAH MORSE,
SHUBAEL BELL,
JONATHAN WHITNEY, } Committee.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, and the same committee was requested to cause the same to be printed and circulated.

The following Brethren were appointed Commissioners of the Prisoners' Fund for the year ensuing, vizt:

R.W. JOSEPH BAKER of Salem.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER of Boston.
R.W. & Rev. WILLIAM BENTLEY of Salem.
R.W. JAMES C. KING of Salem.
R.W. RALPH H. FRENCH of Danvers.
R.W. ABEL LAWRENCE of Salem.
R.W. WILLIAM SWAN of Portland.

CIRCULAR.

The Grand Lodge of Massachusetts to the Lodges under its Jurisdiction.

R't Worshipful, Worshipful and Beloved Brethren:

The attention of the Masonic Fraternity has seldom been called to a more interesting subject than that submitted to our

consideration by the officers and members of Essex Lodge. Indeed our charities are never more characteristically and appropriately applied, than in mitigating the horrors of war; visiting the sick and the wounded; assuaging the agonies of bodily and mental distress and supplying the hungry and the naked. And these offices of humanity we may discharge to the stranger and sojourner and even "see through pity's melting eye, a Brother in a foe," without incurring the guilt or penalty of treason against the laws either of God or man. The groaning of the prisoner has now reached our ears, and has not been disregarded by the Grand Lodge, whose readiness to provide for those who are the immediate claimants on its sympathy, will, it is hoped, meet the approbation and receive the support of our whole Masonic Family.

The present object of our charities is to relieve the distresses of Masons whom the fortune of war throws within the sphere of our attentions; and altho' their duties, as citizens of a country with whom we are at war, may have compelled them to combat with Brethren, they have a powerful claim to our compassion.

The moment the sword of the warrior is sheathed the feelings of the Mason return with redoubled force, and Charity displaying her banners of Love, conducts the captive Brother to the Lodge, the only "City of refuge."

The appropriation, granted at the benevolent instance of Essex Lodge, has been made in the fullest confidence that the Lodges under our jurisdiction, aided by those Brethren who are blessed with affluence, will cheerfully engage in the charitable work of affording the means (compatible with their ability) of replacing the grant in the funds of the Grand Lodge, and enabling it to dispense still greater charity should the continuance of the war render them necessary.

For this purpose ———— Lodge is called upon to comply with the wishes of the Grand Lodge, as expressed by the acceptance of the report hereto annexed. The repeated relief and instances of brotherly love, which have been, and still continue to be, exercised towards our Brethren carried prisoners of war to Great Britain and her dependencies, are gratefully acknowledged.

It is our pride and consolation that the fires of Masonic charities burn with fervor on transatlantic altars.

We most devoutly offer our prayers to the Supreme Architect of the Universe for the return of peace; and that the only point of issue among contending nations may be a charitable emulation in the promotion and practice of those virtues which exalt and adorn our nature. But, whatever may be the result of public measures, the Masonic institution will ever yield a respectful and loyal submission to their civil fathers.

And the Grand Lodge take this opportunity of expressing a wish that the Fraternity may eminently display to an admiring world, the genuine and exalted principles of our royal Craft, and exhibit the glorious specimens of the pure and disinterested love which Masons bear each other.

By order of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

BOSTON, 27th December, 5814.

VOTED, That the Grand Treasurer be authorized to pay the drafts of the Commissioners of the Prisoners' Fund, or of a majority of them.

VOTED, That the District Deputy Grand Masters of the Second and Fourth Districts, having made their returns and paid their dues to the Grand Treasurer, honorable mention shall be made on the records, of their near approach to punctuality and the letter of the Constitution.

INVENTORY

of the furniture and regalia of the Grand Lodge.

1	G't Light, Sq. and Compass.	19	Satin Aprons.
11	White Aprons.	18	Jewels, 2 Trunks.
	Marshal's Sash and Wand.	19	Sashes, 2 Swords.
5	Past Gd. Master's Jewels.	2	old Truncheons.
1	Book of Constitutions.	3	large Candlesticks.
5	doz. Wine Glasses.	12	small ditto.

1 Candlebox, 10 Tumblers.	2 large Pitchers.
5 doz. small Plates.	12 small do.
1 doz. large ditto.	6 Wands.
15 Bottles, 1 Demijohn.	1 Grand Master's Hat.
1 large Knife and Fork.	1 Mallet.
6 doz small ditto.	2 Truncheons.

E. Beaman,
Grand Steward.

December 11th, 5814.

Grand Lodge closed until the second Monday in March next.

John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A Meeting of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Kennebunk, county of York, on Thursday the 25th August, 5814, for the purpose of consecrating York Lodge and installing the officers.

Present.

M.W. Benj. Russell . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. Oliver Bray . . .	Deputy Grand Master, *pro tem.*
R.W. John B. Hammatt	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Job Drew . . .	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Andrew Sigourney	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. John J. Loring .	Grand Rec. Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. Michael Roulstone	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. Andrew Roulstone .	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. & Rev. Paul Dean . . .	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. Thomas L. Carter R.W. Nehemiah Cram .	Grand Stewards, *pro tem.*
R.W. John Johnson . . R.W. Nelson Radcliff .	Grand Pursuivants, *pro tem.*
R.W. Ichabod Chadburn .	Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. Jona' Whitney	Deputy Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*
R.W. Jesse Richards	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
R.W. William Moody	Br. of Sac. Writings, *pro tem.*
R.W. John McLellan R.W. Rufus Washburn R.W. Samuel Baker	Bearers of Lesser Lights, *pro tem.*
Bro. William P. Davis . .	Grand Tyler.

Grand Lodge opened and proceeded in Ample Form to York Lodge, where the records having been examined and the Deputy Grand Master having qualified the Master of York Lodge, to take the Chair, a procession was formed and proceeded to the meeting-house where the following exercises were publicly performed, vizt:

Music.

Prayer by Rev. Mr. Fletcher.

Music.

Address by the R.W.'l Simon Greenleaf.

Music.

Ceremonies of consecrating York Lodge in usual form.

The following Brethren were then installed and invested with the insignia of their several offices, by officers of the Grand Lodge of corresponding stations, vizt:

R.W.	Seth Burnham	Master.
	Robert Town	Senior Warden.
	Enoch Ilsley	Junior Warden.
	Joseph Thomas	Secretary.
	William Hackett	Treasurer.
Bro.	Enoch Hardy	Senior Deacon.
	George Wheelwright	Junior Deacon.
	Clement Jefferds	Senior Steward.
	Hercules Hayes	Junior Steward.
	Jacob Kimball	Tyler.

An address was deliver'd by the M.W. Grand Master and proclamation made by the Grand Marshal.

Benediction by the Grand Chaplain.

The procession was again formed and proceeded to the dining hall, when, having partaken of an elegant dinner, the Grand Lodge retired to their room and closed until the second Monday in September next, then to meet at Boston, in the county of Suffolk, at 6 o'clock P. M.

Attest: John J. Loring,
Grand Secretary, pro tem.

THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS held a Quarterly Meeting at Masons Hall, Boston, on Monday 13th March, A.L. 5815.

The following Grand Officers, members, etc., were present:

M.W. BENJ. RUSSELL . . .	Grand Master.
R.W. FRANCIS J. OLIVER .	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. JOHN B. HAMMATT . .	Senior Grand Warden.
R.W. JOSEPH BAKER .	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. ANDREW SIGOURNEY .	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY . . .	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. THAD'S M. HARRIS, D.D.	Corresponding Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN . .	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. HENRY FOWLE .	Grand Marshal.
R.W. THOMAS REDMAN . .	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. JOB DREW .	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE .	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. ANDREW ROULSTONE .	Grand Stewards.
R.W. JOSEPH GEORGE SPRAGUE	
R.W. THOMAS L. PARKER .	
R.W. ZACHARIAH G. WHITMAN	
R.W. DANIEL L. GIBBENS .	1st Grand Pursuivant.
R.W. SETH JOHNSON . .	2nd Grand Pursuivant.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON . .	Grand Tyler.

with Past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from several of the Districts, and the representatives of the following Lodges under this Jurisdiction, viz:

St. John's .....Boston.	Union .....Nantucket.
St. Andrew's .....Boston.	Constellation .....Dedham.
Massachusetts .....Boston.	Cumberland .....New Gloucester.
King Solomon's ....Charlestown.	St. John's .....Newburyport.
Essex .....Salem.	Solar .....Bath.
Old Colony .....Hingham.	Mount Carmel .....Lynn.
Morning Star .....Worcester.	Amicable .....Cambridgeport.
Columbian .....Boston.	Ancient Landmark ....Portland.
Washington .....Roxbury.	Jordan .....Danvers.
Harmony .....Northfield.	Maine .....Farmington.
Union .....Dorchester.	Fredonia .....Northborough.
Mount Lebanon .....Boston.	Rural .....Quincy.
St. Paul .....Groton.	

The following proxies were admitted this evening:

DANIEL L. GIBBENS, of Boston, for Solar Lodge.
THOMAS L. PARKER, of Cambridgeport, for Oriental Lodge.
JOHN J. LORING, of Boston, for Maine Lodge.

The following reports of committees were made, vizt:

The Committee on Charity, authorized to receive and act on applications for charity during the recess of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, respectfully report: That since the last Communication they have drawn upon the Grand Treasurer for the following sums, vizt:

Ten dollars for the relief of T—— C——, (since deceased); ten dollars for the relief of J—— E——, ten dollars for the relief of widow S—— G——, ten dollars for the relief of the widow of S—— I——, making the sum of forty dollars.

The committee further report that they have recently received a petition from Brother J—— M——, accompanied by such a representation from several respectable Brethren of his helpless situation, occasioned by sickness and the infirmity of age, as to induce the committee to recommend an appropriation of thirty dollars, to be placed in the hands of a special committee to be expended for his benefit.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER, } Committee
SHUBAEL BELL, } of Charity.

BOSTON, 13th March, A.L. 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, whereupon it was VOTED, That John B. Hammatt, Henry Fowle and Henry Purkitt be a committee to receive from the Grand Treasurer the sum of thirty dollars, being an appropriation for the relief of Bro. J—— M——, and to dispense the same according to his necessities.

REPORT ON THE PETITION OF MORNING STAR LODGE FOR REMOVAL.

To the M.W'l Grand Lodge of Massachusetts.

We the subscribers, committee within named, have attended to the duty assigned us, and, after hearing all the statements

on both sides, are unanimously of opinion that there is no just or good reason for removing Morning Star Lodge from the town of Worcester to the town of Leicester.

All which is respectfully submitted,

THOS. BURNSIDE,
THOS. O. CLARK, } Committee.
RICH'D CARRIGUE,

WORCESTER, 20th Feb'y, A.L. 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

VOTED, That the report of the committee on the petition of Harmony Lodge for removal be so far rescinded as that the subject remain open for discussion.

VOTED, That the petition of Harmony Lodge for removal and the report of the committee thereon, be recommitted to a committee of three, to be nominated by the Chair. Bros. Henry Purkitt, Job Drew and Elijah Morse were nominated and accepted.

Report, vizt: The committee to whom was recommitted the petition of Harmony Lodge, have attended to the duty assigned them, and, after hearing the parties upon said petition, ask leave to report, vizt: That they are of opinion that the vote of the Grand Lodge, authorizing the removal of Harmony Lodge from the town of Northfield to the town of Warwick, ought to be reconsidered; and that said Lodge be placed in the same situation it was previous to the petition for said removal.

All which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY PURKITT, } Committee.
ELIJAH MORSE,

March 13th, A.L. 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

REPORT ON THE SUBJECT OF A LIBRARY.

The committee to whom was referred a communication from the R.W. and Rev'd Thaddeus M. Harris, on the subject of a Library for the use of the Grand Lodge, and the purchase for

that purpose of certain Masonic books in his possession, have taken it into consideration and being fully convinced that a Masonic Library, procured and kept for the use of the Grand Lodge and its branches, would highly promote the knowledge and durable prosperity of our most excellent Order, beg leave to report:

That in the opinion of your committee, it is the duty of this Grand Lodge to commence, at this time, the purchase of a Masonic Library as recommended by our worthy Brother Harris. We also recommend that the books in his possession be purchased on the terms proposed in his communication to this Lodge.

All which is respectfully submitted.

PAUL DEAN,
Chairman.

Boston, 9th March, 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted, whereupon, VOTED, That the same committee be authorized to purchase of Brother Harris the books offered by him, upon the terms proposed in his communication; and that they be empowered to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for the necessary amount in payment thereof. Likewise that said committee be instructed to report suitable regulations for the safe keeping, future use and increase of the Library of the Grand Lodge.

VOTED, That the books purchased of Brother Harris be placed in the hands of the Rev'd Bro. Paul Dean, subject to the order of the Grand Lodge.

The committee to whom was referred the motion of Bro. Zach. G. Whitman, for the appointment of a committee to enquire into the expediency of enacting some Article which shall prohibit subordinate Lodges from taking notes from, or granting credit to, initiates for initiating fees, have attended to the duty assigned them and respectfully ask leave to report: That the following votes, with the preamble prefixed, be adopted as one of the laws of the Grand Lodge, and be inscribed in the next printed Annual Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge, for

the information of all subordinate Lodges under their jurisdiction, vizt:

Whereas great inconveniences have arisen, by several of the Lodges, under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge, taking notes of hand from initiates for their initiating fees, whereby they have been unable to discharge their dues to the Grand Lodge, promptly; and persons that were unworthy have obtained the degrees by reason of a credit allowed them for said fees, which have been finally lost and the cause of charity suffer'd thereby: Now to prevent, in future, the aforesaid inconveniences, VOTED, That no subordinate Lodge under this Jurisdiction shall, hereafter, take notes of hand from initiates for their initiation fees, or grant any time of credit therefor; and all such fees shall be paid to said Lodge at the time any candidate shall receive the degrees.

All which is respectfully submitted,

Z. G. WHITMAN,
Per order.

The foregoing report was read and, as a new regulation proposed for adoption, was referred to Andrew Sigourney, Eleazer G. House and Benj. B. Appleton, being a committee nominated by the Grand Master to consider and report thereon.

A petition was presented from St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, signed by Gilman White, Philip Bagley and William Woart, committee from said Lodge, praying that the quarterages due the Grand Lodge for a certain period might be remitted them for reasons therein set forth. Read and committed to the R't W'ls Joseph Baker, Henry Fowle and Z. G. Whitman to consider and report thereon.

REPORT ON THE ABOVE PETITION, VIZT:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of the committee of St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, having attended the duty assigned them, respectfully report:

That by a Standing Regulation of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, adopted at the Quarterly Communication in

June, A.L. 5812, (and to which they beg reference) your committee find themselves forbidden to report in favor of the remission of the dues of St. John's Lodge from that time.

But on a consideration of the circumstances related in the petition referred to, by your committee, of the correctness of which your committee think this M.W. Grand Lodge must be satisfied, they recommend that the sum of thirty-two dollars be paid from the Treasury of this Grand Lodge in charity to the Right Worshipful St. John's Lodge at Newburyport.

All which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH BAKER,
Chairman, Per order.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A list of the officers of St. John's Lodge, Newburyport, was presented and filed.

A petition from the Master and Wardens of Wisdom Lodge, situate in the town of West Stockbridge, praying for liberty to remove said Lodge from the town of West Stockbridge to the town of Stockbridge, for reasons therein set forth, was presented and read; and the said petition being supported by the assent of Evening Star and Cincinnatus Lodges, and the approbation of the District Deputy Grand Master of the 8th Masonic District, it was thereupon VOTED, That the prayer of the petition be granted.

A communication from Daniel Baylies, Secretary of Fayette Lodge, making known the expulsion of ——— ——— from said Lodge for gross violations of the principles of Masonry, which being read, it was VOTED, That the expulsion of ——— ——— from said Lodge be confirmed.

Brother Jonathan Whitney requested leave to resign as one of the committee on charity. Granted, whereupon, VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be given to Bro. Whitney for his faithful services as one of the Committee on Charity, and that the Right W'l Brother Michael Roulstone be appointed in his place.

VOTED, That the committees on the concerns of the Rising States Lodge be discharged.

Right Worshipful Brother Joseph Baker, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners on the Poor Prisoners' Fund, made a verbal report of the organization and doings of the commissioners.

The committee on Brother Dixwell's motion, "for requiring the attendance of Masters and Wardens of Lodges, when summoned," requested to be discharged, which was granted.

VOTED, That the motion by Bro. Dixwell (as above) be committed to Bro. J. B. Hammatt, Joseph Baker and Daniel L. Gibbens, to consider and report thereon.

The committees on the following subjects reported progress and obtained leave to continue their sittings, vizt:

On removal of United Lodge. A. Peabody, Chairman.

On motion for preventing the initiating of rejected candidates. Bro. Carrigue, Chairman.

On the motion for allowing compensation to District Deputy Grand Masters in certain cases. Bro. H. Fowle, Chairman.

On the subject of District Deputy Grand Lodges. Bro. Abbot, Chairman.

On the removal of Lodges. Bro. Fowle, Chairman.

After prayers by the Grand Chaplain, the Grand Lodge was closed until the second Monday in June next.

A Special Meeting of the M.W'l Grand Lodge was held at Masons Hall, Boston, on Saturday, 8th April, 1815, being summoned for the purpose of attending the funeral of the R.W. John Warren, Past Grand Master, deceased.

M.W. Benjamin Russell, Grand Master, with other Grand Officers and many members, were present.

Voted, That Brothers Timothy Bigelow, Francis J. Oliver, Shubael Bell and Andrew Sigourney be a committee to make arrangement for the performance of funeral solemnities in honor of the memory, merits and services of our late Grand Master, Dr. John Warren: That said committee select a suitable Brother to deliver an Eulogy on the occasion and report their proceedings to the M.W. Grand Master. Voted, To proceed from the hall to the Stone Chapel.

Grand Lodge closed.

John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A Quarterly Communication of the M.W. Grand Lodge of Massachusetts was held at Concert Hall, in Boston, on Monday, 12th June, A.L. 5815.

The following Grand Officers and members were present:

M.W. Benjamin Russell	Grand Master.
R.W. Francis J. Oliver	Deputy Grand Master.
R.W. Shubael Bell	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. Joseph Baker	Junior Grand Warden.
R.W. Andrew Sigourney	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. John J. Loring	Grand Rec. Secretary, *pro tem.*
R.W. & Rev. Thad's M. Harris	Grand Corresponding Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. Asa Eaton	Grand Chaplain, *pro tem.*
R.W. Henry Fowle	Grand Marshal.
R.W. Thomas Redman	Grand Sword Bearer.
R.W. Job Drew	Senior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Michael Roulstone	Junior Grand Deacon.
R.W. Andrew Roulstone	Senior Grand Steward.
R.W. Z. G. Whitman	Junior Grand Steward.
R.W. Daniel L. Gibbens R.W. Seth Johnson	Grand Pursuivants.
Bro. William Eaton	Grand Tyler.

The District Deputy Grand Masters from the First, Fourth and Sixth Districts, with a numerous representation from the Lodges under this Jurisdiction, and the Past Grand Officers, the Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq., and Timothy Whiting, Esq., with a respectable and brilliant assemblage of ladies and gentlemen, as detailed in the report of the committee of arrangements which follows in the record of this Quarterly Communication.

The following proxies were admitted this evening, vizt:

Edward Horseman for Portland Lodge.
Luther Eames for Pacific Lodge.
Samuel Thaxter for Old Colony Lodge.
Z. G. Whitman for Oriental Star Lodge.
James W. Jenkins for Mt. Zion Lodge.

Report of the Committee on the Subject of District Deputy Grand Lodges.

The committee to whom, at the Annual Communication of the M.W'l Grand Lodge in December last, was committed the

memorial of the R.W. Isaiah Thomas and others, beg leave to report that the prayer of said memorial be granted; and that the District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, being remunerated by any Brethren or Lodges in said District feeling themselves aggrieved, for any expense or charge he may personally incur in convoking a District Deputy Grand Lodge, be authorized and empowered to assemble, on request of said Brethren or Lodges, a District Deputy Grand Lodge, as follows:

First. The District Deputy Grand Master, on request as aforesaid, shall notify all the Lodges in his District of the time, place and purpose of holding said District Deputy Grand Lodge, one calendar month, at least, before the same shall be holden.

Second. The Lodges in said District may attend the said District Deputy Grand Lodge by their Master and Wardens, or a proxy duly authorized for that purpose, and it shall be the duty of the Lodges interested to attend and furnish the District Deputy Grand Master with all necessary papers.

Third. The District Deputy shall appoint a Secretary and other officers, and organize and preside over said Lodge.

Fourth. The Secretary shall make a record of the proceedings and a statement of all facts relative to any matter that may be acted upon, with the votes and members voting for or against any proposition; which, being read in open Lodge, made correct and attested by s'd Secretary, shall be deliver'd to said District Deputy Grand Master, to be by him laid before the Grand Lodge at the next Communication after holding the said District Deputy Grand Lodge, to act thereon as the Grand Lodge may deem meet and proper.

Fifth. The Secretary of the Grand Lodge shall, under the order of the Most Worshipful Grand Master, forward a copy of this report to the District Deputy Grand Master of the Sixth Masonic District, for his direction and government.

Sixth. The committee further report, that not being fully satisfied of the expediency of convoking District Deputy Grand Lodges, in all cases, as the Craft might thereby be subjected to additional duty and increased expense without corresponding

advantage, they have not exhibited any general system, but confined the foregoing report to the case stated in the memorial; as in this instance a District Deputy Grand Lodge may conduce to the harmony of a part of the great Masonic Family. All which is respectfully submitted,

THAD'S M. HARRIS, } Committee.
JOHN ABBOT, }

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A petition was presented, signed by William Otis and ten others, members of Lodges, praying for a charter to form a Lodge in the town of Cummington, by the name of Orion, which, being supported by Mystic, Franklin and Jerusalem Lodges and the District Deputy Grand Master of the Seventh Masonic District, was read and committed to R.W. John Abbot, S. Bell and E. L. Bascomb.

A petition was presented, signed by Samuel Cushman and ten others, regular Masons, praying for a charter to form a Lodge in the town of Parsonsfield, in the county of York, to be named Corinthian, which petition was supported by certificates from Ancient Landmark Lodge and the District Deputy Grand Master of the Ninth Masonic District. Read and committed to R.W'l John Abbot, S. Bell and E. L. Bascomb.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS ON FUNERAL SOLEMNITIES, VIZT:

The committee appointed to carry into effect the vote of the Grand Lodge upon the decease of the late Doctor John Warren, Past Grand Master, have attended to their duty and respectfully report:

That arrangements are made for the performance of Funeral Solemnities at the present Quarterly Communication of the Grand Lodge, in honor of the memory and expressive of the high sense entertained of the merits and services of their late Grand Master, Doctor John Warren.

An address upon the occasion will be deliver'd by the R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Past Grand Master; prayers by the Rev. Bro. Eaton, Past Grand Chaplain; odes, written by

the R.W. and Rev'd Bro. Harris and by Mrs. Rowson, copies of which accompany this report, will be sung by a select choir of Brethren, accompanied by Doctor Jackson, professor of music, on the grand piano.

The committee, in the name of the Grand Lodge, have invited His Excellency the Governor; His Honor the Lieut. Governor; the Hon'ble Council; the Sheriff of Suffolk County; President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Judges and Clerks of the United States and State Courts; Attorney and Solicitor General; District and County Attornies; United States Marshal; President, Corporation, professors and tutors of Harvard College; officers of the Medical Society and of the Academy of Arts and Sciences; the Rev'd Clergy and the Selectmen of Boston and Charlestown; Commodore Bainbridge and Captains Stewart, Smith, Morris, Crane and Ridgley of the Navy; General Miller and suite; Hon. Artemas Ward, Rep. in Congress, etc., etc., to visit the Grand Lodge on the occasion, and have presented to the officers of the Grand Lodge, and to the gentlemen invited who reside in Boston, cards of admission for one lady each.

For the better accommodation of the Grand Lodge, and those who assist at the contemplated solemnities, the Quarterly Communication is to be held at Concert Hall.

All which is respectfully submitted.

FRANCIS J. OLIVER,
JOHN DIXWELL,
SHUBAEL BELL,
ELIJAH MORSE,
} Committee.

N. B. The R.W. Brother Bigelow and R.W. Brother A. Sigourney, being unable to serve on the committee, the R.W'l Brothers Dixwell and Morse were appointed to supply their places.

The report of the committee of arrangements on Funeral Solemnities was read and accepted.

The Grand Lodge then formed a procession and proceeded to the Great Hall where the following services were performed:

Voluntary, on the grand piano, by Dr. Jackson, professor of music.

Prayers by R.W. and Rev. Asa Eaton, Past Grand Chaplain.

Dirge, written by Rev. Thad's M. Harris; sung by several amateurs.

Eulogy, by R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq., Past Grand Master.

Ode, written by Mrs. Rowson; sung by a select choir.

Benediction by R.W. and Rev'd Asa Eaton, Past Grand Chaplain.

The foregoing services being finished the Grand Lodge returned to their Lodge-room, where the following votes were passed, vizt:

That the thanks of the Grand Lodge be given to the R.W. and Hon'ble Josiah Bartlett, Esq., for his oration delivered this evening, commemorative of the merits and services of the late R.W'l John Warren, Esq., Past Grand Master, deceased; and that a copy be requested for the press.

That thanks be presented to Mrs. Rowson, Thad's M. Harris, Dr. Jackson, Rev'd Asa Eaton and gentlemen amateurs for their assistance; and that Bro. F. J. Oliver, Thad's M. Harris and Shubael Bell be a committee to carry the above votes into effect.

Petitions from Ancient Landmark and Portland Lodges, praying for a diminution of fees payable to the Grand Lodge on initiations, were presented, read and committed to Brothers Timothy Whiting, T. M. Harris and Joseph Baker, to consider and report thereon.

A communication from Pacific Lodge, making known the expulsion of E—— R——, E—— D—— and C—— H—— from that Lodge, for reasons therein set forth, was read and committed to Bro. F. J. Oliver, Elijah Morse and Andrew Sigourney, to ascertain the facts and report thereon.

A communication from William Swan, of Portland, stating that he had received the money due from Bro. Hopkins, was read.

The Grand Lodge was then closed until the second Monday in September next.

John Soley,
Grand Secretary.

A QUARTERLY COMMUNICATION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF MASSACHUSETTS, held at Masons Hall, Boston, Sept. 11, A.L. 5815.

The following Grand Officers and members were present:

M.W. BENJ. RUSSELL	Grand Master.
R.W. JOSEPH BAKER	Senior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. JOB DREW	Junior Grand Warden, *pro tem.*
R.W. EDWARD HORSEMAN	Grand Treasurer.
R.W. JOHN SOLEY	Recording Grand Secretary.
R.W. & Rev. PAUL DEAN	Grand Chaplain.
R.W. MICHAEL ROULSTONE	Grand Sword Bearer, *pro tem.*
R.W. THOMAS L. PARKER	Senior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. DANIEL L. GIBBENS	Junior Grand Deacon, *pro tem.*
R.W. WILLIAM PARKER R.W. JAMES W. JENKINS	Grand Stewards.
Bro. WILLIAM EATON	Grand Tyler.

with past Grand Officers, the District Deputy Grand Masters from several of the Districts, and the representatives of the following Lodges under this Jurisdiction, viz:

St. John's	Boston.	Saint Paul	Groton.
St. Andrew's	Boston.	Mount Moriah	Reading.
Portland	Portland.	Mount Zion	Hardwick.
Massachusetts	Boston.	Mount Lebanon	Boston.
King Solomon	Charlestown.	Harris	Templeton.
Essex	Salem.	Charity	Mendon.
Old Colony	Hingham.	Oriental	Bridgetown.
Columbian	Boston.	Solar	Bath.
Union	Dorchester.	Maine	Farmington.
Bristol	Attleboro'.	Amicable	Cambridgeport.

REPORT ON THE PRISONERS' FUND.

The Commissioners of the Prisoners' Fund ask leave respectfully to report:

That pursuant to their commission, dated at Boston, the 23d January, 1815, they were convoked by a public summons, and the Board organized. They proceeded to execute the sacred trust with which they had been charged by your M.W. Body. They signified their readiness to receive applications for your

distinguished charity by advertisements in the public papers, and at their first meeting afterward they received from the prison ship and neighborhood in Salem (the principal depot for prisoners of war, in the Commonwealth), eighteen applications. The circumstances of which, having been properly investigated by a deputation of the commissioners, they were all admitted to share your bounty according to their respective wants and circumstances; that your commissioners, agreeably to the vote of the Grand Lodge, which created them its almoners, drew on the R.W. Andrew Sigourney, Esq., for $150: that the arrival of the joyful news that peace was again restored to their bleeding country, which released the prisoner from his confinement and restored him to his friends, superseded the necessity for making any further appropriations; and of the amount already drawn for, only the sum of $131.68 was expended, and $18.32 has since been paid into the hands of the Grand Treasurer.

The following are the names of the persons and the sums which each, respectively, received, with number and names of the Lodges to which they were reported to have belonged:

JOSEPH HAWKINS, N. 187, Amity Lodge, Pool, Master of a Vessel	$15 00
BENJ. SMITH, N. 18, Falkirk Lodge, N. Britain, Master of Vessel	15 00
BENJ. N. JAMESON, N. 54, True Felicity Lodge, London, Master of a Vessel	15 00
	$45 00

The above were paroled officers.

The following were sailors, vizt:

WM. HENDERSON,	N. 55,	under the	Grand Lodge of Scotland	$5 00
ROBERT BOYD,	N. 264,	"	Grand Lodge of England	5 00
JOHN FRAZIER,	N. 2,	"	Halifax, N. Scotia	5 00
WM. STEWERT,	N. 234,	"	St. John's, Halifax	5 00
D. BRADLEY,	N. 53,	"	Cheshire Coffee House, L'pool	5 00
PHILIP GALLEY,	N. 351,	"	Charity, Island of Guernsey	5 00
J. SCHRODER,	N. 244,	"	Angel, London	5 00
SAMUEL LOGAN,	N. 220,	"	Ayer, Royal Arch	5 00
D. MCKENZIE,	N. 282,	"	St. Andrew's	5 00
JOSEPH JONES,	N. 53,	"	Cheshire Coffee House, L'pool	5 00
LUKE CORMAN,	N. 207,	"	Sherness, Chatham, England	5 00
GEORGE BARNET,	N. 226,	"	St. Nicholas, Aberdeen	5 00
EDW. JENNINGS,	N. 119,	"	Portsea, England	5 00
LAURENCE SWAN,	N. 47,	"	Alexandria, Virginia	5 00
JOHN HOFFMAN,	N. 57,	"	Belfast, Ireland, who was very sick and destitute of clothing	16 68
			Sum total	$131 68

Your commissioners cannot close this report without expressing the grateful sentiments which inspired the conduct of the receivers of your well-timed charity. Nor without testifying their conviction, that this instance of the munificence of this Grand Lodge will be held in grateful recollection by its sister Grand Lodges in Europe, and that this expression of one of the brightest duties of the Order, is of a character to raise the reputation of the Craft in the view of all beholders.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BAKER,

Per order.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

VOTED, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the Commissioners of the Prisoners' Fund, for the distinguished zeal and fidelity manifested by them in the discharge of their official duties, and for the ability and discernment displayed in all their proceedings, as delineated in the report of their chairman, presented and accepted this evening.

VOTED, That a committee, to be nominated from the Chair, be appointed to address a circular to the several Lodges under this Jurisdiction, informing them that the return of peace has superseded the necessity of making any appropriation for the Prisoners' Fund; and that such Lodges as had made advances to that fund, should be reimbursed the same, on the next settlement of their account with the District Deputy Grand Master of the District to which they belonged.

The R.W. E. G. House, Paul Dean and Edward Horseman were nominated and accepted.

The committee to whom was committed the petition of Samuel Cushman and others, for a Warrant of Dispensation to open a Lodge in the town of Parsonsfield, in the county of York, beg leave to report, that the petitioners have leave to withdraw their petition.

JOHN ABBOT,
SHUBAEL BELL,
EZ'L L. BASCOMB, } Committee.

BOSTON, 13th June, 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

The committee to whom was committed the petition of William Otis and others, praying for a charter to open a Lodge in the town of Cummington, beg leave to report: That the prayer of said petition be granted; but in reporting in favor of said petition the committee would observe that they do it rather in consequence of said petition being accompanied with all the constitutional requisities, than from a sense of the expediency of increasing, at present, the number of Lodges, which your committee think already sufficiently numerous for the interest of the Fraternity and the good of Masonry.

JOHN ABBOT,
SHUBAEL BELL, } Committee.
E. L. BASCOMB,

BOSTON, 13th June, 5815.

The foregoing report for a Lodge at Cummington was accepted.

The committee to whom was referred the consideration of the following motion, vizt: that when the Master and Wardens of a Lodge shall be summoned before this Grand Lodge, they shall appear in person and not by proxy, having attended the duty assigned them, ask leave to report, that they have lamented the absence of their Chairman, the R't W'l Brother Hammatt, by which they have been deprived of his opinion in the premises; yet they are satisfied for themselves, it would be improper for the Grand Lodge to adopt said motion.

That by a fair construction of the Masonic Constitution and the established principles of the Order, when any officer of a Lodge is summoned to appear before this Grand Lodge to answer to any charge touching or implicating the character of the Lodge, he has a right to appear by proxy; and your committee are of opinion, it would be highly dangerous to take it away.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH BAKER,
D. L. GIBBENS, } Committee.

The foregoing was read and accepted.

A petition, signed by Amos Woodward and seven others, Master Masons, praying for a dispensation to open a Lodge in

the town of Orange, by the name of Perseverance, was read and committed to the R.W. Elijah Morse, Sumner Barstow and Henry Purkitt, who presented the following report thereon, vizt:

The committee to whom was referred the petition of Amos Woodward and others for a dispensation to open a Lodge, in the town of Orange, have attended the duty assigned them and respectfully ask leave to report, that in their opinion, the prayer of the petitioners ought not to be granted. All of which is submitted.

ELIJAH MORSE,
SUMNER BARSTOW, } Committee.
HENRY PURKITT,

BOSTON, 11th Sept., 5815.

The foregoing report was read and accepted.

A petition, signed by Alpheus Harding and eleven others, Master Masons, praying for a charter to open a Lodge in the town of New Salem, which was supported by certificates of approbation from Mount Zion and Pacific Lodges, and by the District Deputy Grand Master of the 7th Masonic District, was read and committed to the R.W'l Elijah Morse, Sumner Barstow and Henry Purkitt, to report thereon.

A petition from Sumner Barstow and others, Master, Wardens and members of Olive Branch Lodge, praying for leave to remove said Lodge from the town of Oxford to the town of Sutton, for reasons therein set forth, was read and thereupon VOTED, That the prayer thereof be granted.

A petition from John Claflin and others, the Master, Wardens and members of Charity Lodge, praying for leave to remove said Lodge from the town of Mendon to the town of Milford, for reasons therein mentioned, was read and thereupon VOTED, That the prayer thereof be granted.

A petition signed by John B. Root, Secretary, pro tem., for Mystic Lodge, praying for a dispensation to meet either at Pittsfield or Lanesborough, as said Lodge may hereafter choose. Read and committed to R.W. Job Drew, Henry Purkitt and Elijah Morse to report thereon.

A petition was presented by M—— M——, of Concord, widow, accompanied by a certificate from Bro. Ripley, praying for charitable relief. Read and committed to the committee on charity, and VOTED, That the committee on charity have leave to draw on the Grand Treasurer for such sum as they may deem expedient to be given the widow M—— M——.

The following committees reported progress and had leave to continue their sittings, vizt:

On the report for refusing credit for initiating fees. A. Sigourney, Chairman.

On the motion for preventing the initiating of rejected candidates. Bro. Carrigue, Chairman.

On the removal of Lodges. Bro. H. Fowle, Chairman.

On the removal of United Lodge. Bro. Peabody, Chairman.

On the motion for compensation to District Deputy Grand Masters. Brother Fowle, Chairman.

On the petitions from Ancient Landmark and Portland Lodges. Timothy Whiting, Esq., Chairman.

On expulsions from Pacific Lodge. F. J. Oliver, Chairman.

On the petition of Alpheus Harding and others for a new Lodge. E. Morse, Chairman.

The Masonic diploma, with other badges of a Brother who died at Dartmoor prison, in England, were presented to the Grand Lodge and committed to the R.W. Bros. Jenkins, Purkitt and Drew to report thereon.

The Throne of Grace was addressed by the Grand Chaplain and the Grand Lodge closed until the second Monday of December next.

Attest: JOHN SOLEY,
Grand Secretary.

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